McMickle and Vangermeersch win Hourglass Award; Accounting History Education Committee

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From left to right, Peter McMickle, Academy President Dale Flesher, and Richard Vangermeersch.


Dr. Peter McMickle of Memphis State University and Dr. Richard Vangermeersch of the University of Rhode Island are the recipients of the 1988 Hourglass Award for their 1987 book, *The Origins of a Great Profession*. The Academy’s prestigious Hourglass Award is presented annually to a person(s) who has made a significant contribution to the study of accounting history.

The award winning book was published last year by the Academy to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the AICPA. Copies were presented to all who attended the AICPA convention in New York. The work annotates and comments on 35 accounting works and provides 57 illustrations as background to discovering the value of the Montgomery Collection which is housed at Columbia University. The cooperative scholarship evidenced in the volume and the unique application of computer technology to its production merit special attention (In fact, Pete McMickle was on the program at the 1987 AAA convention in Cincinnati with his subject being how he used a computer to develop the cover for the book). This valuable scholarship can be expected to provide added awareness to the developments in American accounting prior to the twentieth century. This marked the first time that the Hourglass Award has been given for a volume published by the Academy of Accounting Historians.

Dr. Peter McMickle received his Ph.D. from the University of Alabama in 1977. He is the author of several books including two published in the new Foundations of Accounting series from Garland Press. He has also done a fantastic job over the past decade of maintaining the Academy’s exhibit booth at the American Accounting Association annual meeting. Many of the present members of the Academy made their first contact with accounting history at Pete’s booth.

Dr. Vangermeersch earned his Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 1970. He, too, has authored several previous books including a volume on Alexander Hamilton Church in the new Garland series.

Professors McMickle and Vangermeersch join an elite group of scholars by winning the Hourglass Award. The previous Hourglass winners, and the publications that won them the award are as follows.

*The Accounting Historians Notebook, Fall, 1988*
1973 — Steve Zeff, *Forging Accounting Principles in Five Countries.*


1976 — Osamu Kojima and Basil Yamey, for reproduction of Ympyn’s *A Notable and Very Excellent Worke* (1547).


1982 — Williard Stone, for a series of articles on “American Accounting History.”

1983 — Richard P. Brief, for authoring many books and articles and editing 196 volumes on accounting history subjects.


1987 — Ernest Stevelinck, for a half century of work in the study of accounting history and accounting historians.

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**ACCOUNTING HISTORY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Academy's Accounting History Education Committee, under the chairmanship of Abdel Agami of Old Dominion University, is currently working on two major projects. The first project is the second volume of *Biographies of Notable Accountants* which has been submitted for publication to Random House. The volume contains biographies of 18 notable accountants of the past. Random House expects to publish this volume in early 1989. Members should check at the Random House booth at the various regional AAA meetings for free copies of Biographies.

The committee's other project is to organize panels at each of the AAA regional meetings for purposes of discussing the various means of incorporating accounting history into the present accounting curriculum. If any member of the Academy is interested in appearing on one of these panels, please contact Abdel Agami at Old Dominion University (804) 683-3504 or (804) 467-1524.