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REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTING HISTORY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE

I have pleasure in presenting to the Trustees and the Annual General Meeting of the Academy, my Committee's report on progress during 1988-89.

We have now completed the additional work involved in securing outstanding publisher permissions for some annotated sections of the bibliography of published references on historical methodology and historical method. The resulting text entitled *Methodology and Method in*

History: A Bibliography is now in the hands of the publisher, Garland Publications Inc. We are therefore expecting publication of this text in the near future.

A number of the committee members were able to meet in person at the International Historians Congress in Sydney in 1988 and began to draw up plans for a research methodology conference which we considered to be a logical follow-on exercise to the text. We are pleased to report that we have set a target of mounting a two or three day historical research methodology conference in 1991. Our present intention is to mount the conference at the University of Mississippi in early December 1991. In due course, the committee will be calling for papers for that conference and we will be encouraging the maximum possible attendance from Academy members and other academic accountants with an interest in historical accounting research.

We are treating the proposed conference as a major second step in our undertaking to both provide a methodological resource base for our membership as well as encouraging the development of a greater degree of sophistication in historical methods employed by accounting history researchers.

We commend our report to your attention and we look to all Trustees and members for their support in both purchasing and using the methodology text and in planning to present papers and participate in our 1991 conference.

Lee Parker, Chairman