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**THOMAS J. BURNS, LIFE MEMBER**

The Academy of Accounting Historians has awarded Life Membership to Dr. Thomas J. Burns, Deloitte & Touche Professor in Accounting, The Ohio State University. Dr. Burns has supported and served the Academy for a number of years including the office of president, 1992. His year in leading the Academy culminated with the highly successful research conference held in conjunction with the Ohio State Hall of Fame Conference in Columbus, Ohio. The research conference led to the publishing of *U.S. Accounting History, 1965–1990, Proceedings of Accounting Hall of Fame Conference: An Oral History* which he edited.

Dr. Burns received the Ph.D. in 1963 from the University of Minnesota. During his career at Ohio State, he has served as Chairman of the Faculty of Accounting, Director of the Ph.D. Program in

Accounting, Chairman of the Faculty Committee of the Accounting Hall of Fame, and was instrumental in the development of the undergraduate honors program in which he has played a major role since its inception in 1965. He advises all honor students and has chaired over forty doctoral dissertations.

Service and honors include chairing the American Accounting Association History Advisory Committee, Director of Education for the AAA, naming in his honor the Beta Alpha Psi National Student Seminar, receiving the AICPA National Outstanding Educator Award, and being named Outstanding Accounting Educator by the AAA. Dr. Burns has published articles in the *Accounting Historians Journal*, *Journal of Accountancy*, and *Journal of Accounting Research* and has authored, co-authored and edited several books and monographs.



## WORLD CONGRESS OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS

The 7th World Congress of Accounting Historians will be held at Queen's University, Ontario, Canada on August 11–13, 1996. Previous congresses, beginning in Brussels in 1970, held in the United States, England, Italy, Australia, and Japan have provided three days of presentations and discussions to the growing number of persons attending, over 200 at the most recent Congress. The congresses have encouraged the dissemination of research, generated greater interest in accounting history, and fostered a link between various accounting historians around the world.

A tentative schedule is as follows:

Formal Call for Papers—September 1995  
Notice of Acceptance —December 1995  
Programme Available —February 1996  
Registration Beginning—May 1996  
Conference —August 1996

Advanced information suggests a wide range of topics, including: Accounting and

the Evolution of the Modern Firm, Impact of Accounting History on Business Ethics, Historical Perspective of Public vs. Private Sector Accounting, Lessons to share—Accounting History and Non-Historical Research Methodology, Relationships between Accounting History and Other Historical Studies, Contributions of Non-Accountants to the Growth of Management Accounting, Centennial of USA CPA Examination, Decentering the Center—Accounting History from the Periphery, Colonization and Accounting, History of Accounting in Eastern Europe, Accounting History and Religion, and Feminist History of Accounting.

To be placed on the mailing list regarding the call for papers and conference registration, contact:

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