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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a pleasure to serve as the President of the Academy for 1996. As we review the year, several highlights stand out and many members deserve thanks for their work.

7th World Congress

The 7th World Congress of Accounting Historians at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, on August 11-13 was a definite highlight. Dr. Alan Richardson and his assistant Laura McDonald did a superb job in planning and executing this meeting. The Academy was a co-host of the opening reception which featured gourmet delights from all countries represented at the meeting.

Several members of the Academy were on the program and many others attended the meeting. Special thanks should go to Jeanette Sanfilippo and Richard Vangermeersch for providing a display table overloaded with Academy brochures, back issues of the *Journal* and *Notebook* to give to those at the conference.

Home Page and the Web

This year might be noted for the additions made to the Academy's Home Page and the World Wide Web. Dean Paul Garner's classic book, *The Evolution of Cost Accounting to 1925*, is now on the World Wide Web, the first full length accounting book on the Web. An announcement of this event was distributed at the World Congress and at the AAA meeting in Chicago and is also included in this issue of the *Notebook*. Special thanks should go to Dean Garner and to Gary Previts for making this possible. The Academy's Home Page now includes names and addresses of all members, all committees, officers and trustees, and by-laws of the Academy. Special thanks should go to Bill Samson and Gary Previts (again).

Key Members Meetings

The meetings of officers, trustees and committee chairs have been well attended and productive. The Spring meeting was held in conjunction with the Northeast

AAA regional meeting in New York City, April 20. The theme of the Northeast meeting was the 100th anniversary of the first CPA law passed in 1896



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in New York. Special thanks should go to Richard Vangermeersch for helping coordinate the Academy's business meeting with the Northeast meeting. The Summer meeting was held in conjunction with the AAA meeting in Chicago, August 14. Minutes of this meeting are included in this issue of the *Notebook*. Special thanks should go to Bill Samson for arranging the reception for all members which had an overflow crowd, and to Jeanette Sanfilippo for her excellent work with the Academy's booth in the exhibit area.

Research Conference

Another highlight of the year was the annual research conference held in Cleveland, Ohio, December 5-7. The theme of the conference was the 100th anniversary of the first CPA examination given in 1897. Cleveland was celebrating its 200th anniversary, so it seemed appropriate to have the conference there.

Three outstanding plenary sessions, an excellent luncheon speaker, and eight concurrent sessions were well attended. Video tapes of the conference will be available at the video library at The University of Mississippi. Special thanks should go to Marilynn Collins for making hotel arrangements and to Kathleen Sinning for coordinating the concurrent sessions.

There are many others who deserve special thanks: all of the committee chairs, other officers, trustees, editors, directors of centers, and all of the members who attended meetings, presented papers, research and taught accounting history.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND MAY GOD BLESS!