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12th WORLD CONGRESS OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS

July 20-24, 2008, Istanbul – Turkey

A As you may know, the 12th World Congress of Accounting Historians will be held on 20-24 July 2008 in Istanbul. We would like to inform you about the latest developments and upcoming deadlines.

- A. The participation fee for the groups more than 30 participants has been reduced from €300 to €250. (The participation fee for accompanying persons is €150.)
- B. Turkish Airlines as our "Official Carrier Sponsor" will allow a 50% discount on Turkish Airlines special fares on Turkish Airlines flights for the participants of the Congress who will travel to Istanbul from the destinations from where Turkish Airlines operate, with the ticket validity up to 10 days before and after the Congress. You may find the destinations from where Turkish Airlines operate on the web site of the Congress. Detailed information about this discount will be available after January 2008 at our web site.
- C. The deadline of the submission of the abstracts has been extended from 15th October to 15th November 2007
- D. The web site of the Congress (http://www.12wcah2008ist.com/en/) has been renewed and opened for the benefiting of our colleagues.

CALL FOR PAPERS

12th World Congress of Accounting Historians, the most recent of which was held in Nantes, in France, in July 2006, will be held July 20-24, 2008 in Istanbul, Turkey.

Istanbul, a fascinating city where two continents meet and many cultures have deep roots, has hosted many civilizations as a capital city. It is adorned with historically significant artifacts of the Byzantine and Ottoman civilizations. Istanbul, which is the largest city in Turkey with a population of 15 million, is honored to host individuals who are interested in accounting history. The attendees of the Congress will have the opportunity to visit the historical sites and museums of the city.

The Congress will be held in Harbiye Military Museum and Cultural Center, which is the biggest military museum in the Middle East. This Cultural Center is located in one of the important centers of the city and is close to Taksim, the center of the city's business, cultural and commercial life, surrounded by some of Europe's top quality hotels. Several exhibitions are planned for the Congress. An exhibition of documents concerning Ottoman Accounting Systems, which is unique with its background of over 550 years, along with special collections of accounting history and distinctive advertisements relevant to 100^{th} , 150^{th} , 200^{th} anniversaries of events that influenced Ottoman Accounting Systems, will be

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- B. Prepare informational announcements and invitations for manuscripts to be sent to other journals for insertion.
- C. Prepare flyers for distribution at regional and national meetings.
- D. Encourage historical research in accounting through appropriate means.

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among the items on exhibit. Furthermore, 80th anniversary of Reforms of The Turkish Republic will be commemorated within an exhibition of relevant documents in terms of its impacts on accounting education and application.

Besides this, 2008 will be the 125th anniversary of the establishment of Marmara University, which is the co-organizer of the congress. Marmara University is one of the most prestigious universities in Turkey with 55,000 students, faculty and staff. The University offers education in four languages. Association of Accounting and Finance Academicians (AAFA), the other organizer of the congress, is a society representing six hundred accounting and finance academicians from Turkish universities.

The main theme of the Congress is: Accounting History and Culture: From the Past to the Present. Papers are invited on any topic listed below:

- Accounting Methods Used Over the Centuries,
- Accounting in Ancient Empires, Civilizations and Religions,
- Development of Auditing Culture,
- Accounting Intellectuals and Practitioners,
- Enterprise and State Governance Related to Accounting,
- Financial Institutions: Banks, Stock Exchanges and Insurance Companies,
- Other subjects also will be considered.

The official language of the conference is English. Papers should be submitted electronically to the below e-mail address by January 15, 2008. The abstract should not be over 150 words. Notification of acceptance will be sent by March 15, 2008.

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