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The 2009 Academy of Accounting Historians Research Conference took place on March 26th and 27th in Paris in conjunction with the Journées d'Histoire de la Comptabilité et du Management. Excluding the World Congress held at Nantes in July 2006, this year marked the 14th Journées conference and also the first time that the Academy has hosted its research conference outside North America.

Over 70 participants had the opportunity to meet with colleagues from around the globe, discuss and debate research themes and comment on a wide variety of research papers, as well as enjoy Paris in springtime. The conference sessions were held at l'université Paris-Sud 11 in collaboration with l'université d'Evry. We were graciously welcomed at the opening session by Mme la Vice-Présidente de l'université Paris-Sud 11, Colette Voisin and by our co-hosts, Professors Henri Zimnovitch (Paris-Sud) and Alain Michel (Evry). Professor François Caron, professor emeritus of economic history at l'université Paris IV-Sorbonne provided a thoughtful plenary address on the role of transportation and its accounting aspects to highlight our conference theme, History of transportation, accounting and management evolutions. This session was followed by two days of parallel sessions, a tour of the National Archives of France led by the dean of our host Faculty, Professor Jérôme Fromageau and a guided tour of the nearby Chateau de Sceaux. The conference gala dinner was an occasion to enjoy not only the food of the Auvergne.

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region but also to celebrate two recipients of Academy awards: Nicolas Praquin, l’université de Paris-Dauphine was presented with the 2008 Vangermeersch Manuscript Award by Professor Marc Nikitin, l’université d’Orléans, a member of the award selection committee. Academy president, Cheryl McWatters, Alberta School of Business, presented the 2009 Hourglass Award to Mahmoud Ezzamel of Cardiff Business School.

Friday included closing remarks by Dean Fromageau and final good-byes and farewells. For those who were unable to attend, the complete conference program and papers are available on the conference website (http://jhcm.fr). Many thanks to those who submitted papers, assisted with the review process, acted as session chairs and helped with the logistics of this international collaboration. Finally a thank-you to everyone who came to Paris to present their research and to those, like me, who had the relatively easier role of taking in the sessions as a member of the audience. It was a pleasure to host the conference in such a successful way.

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2010 Accounting Hall of Fame / Academy of Accounting Historians Conference
Thursday, September 30, 2010 – Sunday, October 3, 2010

The Academy of Accounting Historians and The Accounting Hall of Fame are planning a joint conference to develop perspectives on recent and continuing changes in the accounting profession and the environment in which it functions. The conference will be held in the Fisher College of Business executive education facility on the Ohio State University campus. The conference will begin with an evening reception on Thursday, September 30, 2010 and conclude on Sunday, October 3, 2010. The 2010 conference is a sequel to earlier joint conferences held in 2005 and 2000. A call for papers will be issued in the summer of 2009. Members of the planning committee include Anne Beatty, Dick Dietrich, Dan Jensen, and Greg Waymire.

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