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Accounting History

Call for Research Proposals The first *Accounting History* International Emerging Scholars' Colloquium

Certosa di Pontignano, Pontignano
Siena, Italy

16 - 17 July 2009

Organised in cooperation with the
Department of Business and Social Studies, University of Siena,
and supported by

SIDREA (The Italian Association of Accounting and Business Administration
Professors),

SISR (The Italian Society of Accounting History)

Contabilità e Cultura Aziendale Journal

This international forum is designed for emerging scholars of all ages and career stages, including doctoral degree students, new faculty and other emerging accounting researchers who have an interest in accounting's past and present and who seek directions and guidance in embarking upon and undertaking specific historical accounting research projects.

The inaugural forum will be held at the Certosa di Pontignano of the University of Siena which is located in Pontignano in Tuscany and is only a short distance from Siena. The forum will be led by Garry Carnegie and Brian West of the University of Ballarat, Australia who are the joint editors of *Accounting History*, the journal of the Accounting History Special Interest Group of the Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand.

Other senior faculty members participating in the colloquium are also members of the *Accounting History* editorial team and will include Angelo Riccaboni, University of Siena, Italy; Nola Buhr, University of Saskatchewan, Canada; Christopher Napier, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK and Lúcia Lima Rodrigues, University of Minho, Portugal.

Colleagues and students who wish to express an interest in attending the IAHIESC are requested to forward a short CV as well as a research proposal which contains the following information (to the following email address: g.carnegie@ballarat.edu.au by March 31, 2009)

1. Project (working) title
2. Background to the study (or scenario for investigation)
3. Main research objective to be stated in a single, concise sentence

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4. Concise statement of key research question(s)
5. Research methodology
6. Period selection
7. Limitations of the study
8. Expected (original) contribution of the study to the literature
9. List of no more than eight key references relating to the proposed study
10. Where the proposal relates to the completion of a PhD, provide details of the names and addresses of the doctoral supervisors and the institution where the research will be/is being conducted

Research proposals should be no longer than six pages (double spaced typing). Formal invitations to attend the Colloquium will be issued on receipt and review of research proposals.

Further information is available at the IAHIESC website:

<http://www.disas.unisi.it/ahiesc/index.php>

Inquiries may be directed to the Colloquium Convenor, Elena Giovannoni, University of Siena, at the following e-mail address: giovannoni@dii.unisi.it

Information about the Certosa di Pontignano is found at:

<http://www.unisi.it/servizi/certosa/>

Information about visiting Siena is obtainable at:

<http://www.aboutsiena.com/>

An AHIESC will be conducted on a regular basis around the globe from 2009.

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the absence of which the journal is invisible. Others replied the *AHJ* is distributed by Ebsco and Proquest, who do sell it in packages to large groups.

e) Discussion of the strategic marketing of the Academy took place. A task force was proposed, to consider how to position the AAH in US conferences and then piggyback with other accounting history groups. Vangermeersch urged members to attend the Monday panel at which Flesher, Previts, and himself would discuss the past and future of the AAH. Merino reiterated her long-standing concern to increase the number of doctoral students working on historical research. Previts noted that 12 sessions at this conference were historical and that Tracey

Southerland is an inclusive scholar, which is one reason to pursue the memo of understanding.

- f) Discussion returned briefly to commercial electronic publishers.
- g) Okano requested an attendee from Korea to report on accounting history in his country. Korea has academics who study that area, but no formal association. There is a business history association that attracts mainstream historians. Sofian Harahap of Indonesia noted that there aren't many accounting scholars interested in history, though a Middle Eastern scholar came to his country to look at historical records. A great deal of work needs to be done.

The meeting ended at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie D. Moussalli, Secretary

Accounting History

The Sixth International Conference

“Accounting and the State”

Wellington, New Zealand

18 - 20 August 2010

Sponsored by:

School of Accounting and Commercial Law,

Victoria University of Wellington

and

Accounting History Special Interest Group of the

Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand

Papers will be accepted across the full range of accounting history topics and methodological and theoretical perspectives. As the conference is taking place in a national capital city, authors are encouraged to think about the relationships between the State and accounting, such as:

- Accounting in the public sector at the national, sub-national and local levels;
- New public financial management;
- Taxation and public finance;
- Regulation of the profession and standard setting process;
- The State and accounting in social institutions;
- Accounting education and the State;
- Regulation of the not-for-profit sector;
- Regulation of corporate governance, fraud and collapse;
- Comparisons between the public and private sectors;
- Accounting, politics and public policy.
- Accounting reforms and their implications for inter-generational equity;
- The roles, influence and impacts of transnational State-like organisations, such as the EU.

Submission and Review of Papers: Papers written in the English language should be submitted electronically no later than 19 March 2010 to 6AHIC@ballarat.edu.au. All papers will be subject to a double-blind refereeing process and will be published on the conference web site, as refereed conference proceedings, unless otherwise advised.

Notification of Acceptance: Notification of papers accepted for inclusion in the conference program will be made by 10 May 2010.

Conference information is available at the Conference website:

<http://www.vuw.ac.nz/6AHIC>

Inquiries may be directed to the Conference Convenor,
Philip Colquhoun, Victoria University of Wellington, at
philip.colquhoun@vuw.ac.nz

Accounting History

Call for Papers

The Evolution of Accounting as a Global Profession: State Relationships, Service Scope, Client Mix, Practitioner Origins, Qualifying Prerequisites and Professional Ethos

Since the mid nineteenth century the increasing scale and scope of global business activity has created rich opportunities for the evolution of professional accounting. Specialized organizations emerged to establish the boundaries of the community of competent practitioners, to provide order in the governance of professional affairs and to promote the interests of their membership within a broader socio-economic setting. Like the rise of great cities and the shift to industrial economies, the appearance of new professions, like accounting, became a distinguishing characteristic of modern society. These groups utilized their special knowledge to facilitate the smooth integration of the new polity's many interdependent elements. During the course of the last four decades accounting historians have developed a rich body of scholarship that explores the evolution of accounting professionalism particularly within national contexts.

A special issue of *Accounting History* on the above-titled theme is scheduled to be published early-mid 2013. Accounting scholars are invited to submit manuscripts that address how the process of professionalization surmounted national boundaries and took on a more global character. This drive, which has become especially pronounced during the decades after World War II, responded to the gradual trend involving the lowering of trade barriers among the world's major economies. The rapid growth in international trade which resulted has radically transformed the nature of accounting practice and confronted professional structures with new challenges. Globalization compelled many practice units to go overseas as a necessary means for retaining clients whose businesses were increasingly moving offshore. In addition, the formation of major free trade zones such as the European Union created strong pressures to standardize the organization, governance and other attributes of professional life across national borders.

Guest editor:

The guest editor of this special issue of *Accounting History*, Paul Miranti of Rutgers Business School, invites contributors to submit manuscripts for any period that involved efforts to project any aspect of accounting professionalism to a global sphere. Submission must be written in English and forwarded electronically to the guest editor by 31 August 2011.

Manuscripts will be subject to the usual double blind review process of *Accounting History*. Queries about the special issue and manuscripts should be forwarded to Paul Miranti at: miranti@business.rutgers.edu

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philip.colquhoun@vuw.ac.nz

Information about visiting Wellington can be found at <http://www.wellingtonnz.com/> and for visiting New Zealand see <http://www.newzealand.com>

Accounting History

Call for Papers

Histories of Accounting Research

Accounting scholars, in general, tend to admire, even if unconsciously, the schools of thought and associated theoretical perspectives that have driven accounting research and structured debates in the academic community and beyond. Often, little is known about the historical development of such schools and the advent and development of key theoretical perspectives which form part of the taken-for-granted underpinnings of frames of reference.

This special issue will comprise articles that provide historical perspectives on schools of thought in accounting. Frequently, examinations of accounting research organise, synthesise and evaluate the published findings of various authors working within a specific paradigm (that is, literature reviews), or undertake a critical analysis of the assumptions and/or methods employed within particular paradigms, such as capital markets research. Accounting History has tended to ignore the research enterprise and focus on specific episodes, such as histories of standard-setting, histories of accounting and auditing techniques and practices, or histories of the profession, firms or prominent individuals. Furthermore, few historical studies in accounting examine the development of accounting research across space. To redress this omission, relevant manuscripts bringing new historical insights about accounting research are cordially invited for review.

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Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Examination of changing conceptions of the role of the academic as research paradigms shift, and/or in response to changing constellations of users/supporters of accounting research.
- Identification and evaluation of “significant” past literature reviews.
- The translation or mutation of research issues as they move across research paradigms. That is, how have “old” research questions been transformed or resurrected through the application of different research methods?
- Tracing the trajectory of research questions as new research methods are introduced. What questions become possible, and which are abandoned, as research methods shift within a particular research stream such as auditing?
- Identification of abandoned branches of the “family” tree and identification of any research streams which have become “locked in”.
- Exploration of the crucial turning points that launched a literature or changed its questions.
- Studies of the relationship(s) between the evolution of accounting research and broader social discourses and the absorption of accounting discourses within other disciplines.
- Studies which explore why certain countries appear to become home base for particular types of research, such as investigations as to why capital markets research, for example, is more prominent in the US and accounting research within the critical paradigm is more widespread in the UK.
- Longitudinal studies of the relationship(s) between accounting, business and economic history.
- Explorations of the role played by accounting history research in broadening our understandings of contemporary accounting as a social and institutional practice.

Potential contributors are encouraged to interpret this theme using diverse theoretical and methodological perspectives and are strongly encouraged to contact the guest editors in advance to discuss their proposed topics. Submissions must be written in English and forwarded electronically, to the guest editors, by 31 October 2009. This special issue is scheduled to be published in late 2010.early 2011.

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Joni Young, Anderson School of Management, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA

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