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The Accounting Historians Notebook

Call for Papers

The Editor of *The Accounting Historians Notebook* is looking for article submissions suitable for publication within the Notebook. Articles for consideration should be of broad interest to Academy members. Articles might be considered unlikely to be published in established accounting journals because of topic or short length. Possible topics might include: accounting history research techniques, equipment and software useful to history research, and descriptions of accounting archives and large accounting resource collections. Papers should be sent in electronic form (via e-mail if possible) to Jim McKinney at: jmckinney@rhsmith.umd.edu
5th WORKSHOP
IN ACCOUNTING HISTORY
ORDEM DOS TÉCNICOS
OFICIAIS DE CONTAS (OTOC)
The Order of Official Accountants, Portugal
Lisbon, 28th November 2012
TORRE DO TOMBO
(NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF TORRE DO TOMBO, LISBON)

8.30 Registration

9.00
Opening Section
António Domingos de Azevedo (President of the Order of
Official Accountants OTOC)
Luís Lino Rodrigues (President of the Accounting History
Commission of OTOC)

Special Musical Interlude

9.30
Three Books on Philosophy,
Accounts and Accounting in the First
Quarter of the Twentieth Century
Hervant & Cargues

10.30 Coffee Break

10.45
Accounting and Taxation Thought
Chair: Luís Lino Rodrigues

Schmalenbach and the Price Adjustment:
The Accounting Fundamentals
Héctor Tomás López

General Characteristics of a Businessman:
José Francisco da Cruz, General Treasurer
of the Royal Treasury
Miguel Gonçalves

An Analysis of the Décima Tax:
Income Inequality in Alto Alentejo
in the Old Regime (eighteenth century)
Carlos Reis and Bruno Lopes

12.30
Signing of a Protocol between the Portuguese
Association of Economic and Social History
(APHES) and the Order of Chartered
Accountants (OTOC)
José Reis (President of APHES)
and António Domingos de Azevedo (President of OTOC)

12.45
In Remembrance: Joaquim da Cunha Guedes

13.00 Lunch

14.30
Presentation of the movie
'The Story of the National Archives of Torre do Tombo'

Brief Introduction to the Database File DigoArQ,
the Office of External Relations and Cooperation
of the Torre do Tombo.

15.00
Evolution of the Accounting Profession:
Professional Practices and Organization
of the Profession
Chair: Leonor Fernanda Ferreira

The Royal Tobacco Factory
Júlio Marques

A Summary
of the History of OTOC
Armando Marques

Accounting as Seen Through
International Accounting Congresses
António José Abreu da Silva

16.30 Coffee Break

16.45
La Contabilidad en la Ilustración:
Fuentes Bibliográficas
Júlio Faria Pires

17.30
Closing Section
Manuel Azevedo de Sá (President of the General
Assembly of OTOC)
António Domingos de Azevedo (President of OTOC)
Luís Lino Rodrigues, Hervant O. Cargues e Leonor Fernanda
Ferreira (Accounting History Commission of OTOC)
Since its inception in 1995, the French Conference on Accounting and Management History has remained an essential rendezvous for those interested in history and management. For its 18th edition, the proposed theme of reflection is: **The magic behind Numbers. Figures, Standards and Beliefs.**

Within the confines of Taylorite doctrine, numbers have been put to multiple uses and strategies including serving as proof of efficiency, as a foundation for affirming the scientific nature of reasoning, as a tool for *distance*, and as a rhetorical device. A historical approach will in our opinion provide an opportunity to examine how people engaged in the practice and theory of management by using numbers and for what purpose.

Either as quantitative indicators that guarantee efficiency or as labels for quality standards, (iso 9001, 14001, etc.), figures can be seen as much as instruments of objectivation particularly in accounting, as a specific element of managerial rhetoric. The accounting standard or any other standard establishes a frame of reference based on quantified measurements of sets of criteria which people intend to evaluate. This way, it may likely overshadow the tangible reality of what is being measured and may not be better than what appears to us to be a belief system. As a code, a figure is not only a language beyond the understanding of laymen (or the uninitiated) but might also have a mystical dimension. We need only to refer to the virtue granted to the golden ratio or section aurea in freemasonry or in the Pythagoras exegesis. Luca Pacioli, credited with the first presentation of the method of double-entry bookkeeping in 1494 is himself the author of a treaty on the Divine Proportion.

We also invite papers with a historical approach that will enable challenging the hegemony of quantifications in different fields ranging from political evaluation (through instruments like opinion polls or managerial indicators of public policies) to research in management and economics. And, as this has been the practice every year, all communications that have a historical dimension are welcome.

**PhD workshop**

The conference will include a PhD workshop on March 27th designed for PhD students working on a dissertation in accounting, organization or business history. All interested PhD students will be required to submit a 10-page report detailing their research.

**Deadline:** Deadline of submission full texts of the communications: **December 15th, 2012.** Decision of the scientific committee: January 19th, 2013. Final version: February 9th, 2013. Full papers (max. 60,000 characters) in French or English including two abstracts (in French and English) have to be submitted to the following mailing address: **jhcm2013@univ-lr.fr**
CALL FOR PAPERS

III INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LUCA PACIOLI IN ACCOUNTING HISTORY
III BALKANS AND MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES CONFERENCE ON ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING HISTORY (3rd BMAC)
June 19-22, 2013 Istanbul - Turkey

THE GREAT RENDEZVOUS OF ACCOUNTING HISTORY CULTURES

Istanbul is thought of as a meeting point for Middle Eastern and Balkan recording cultures along with the Mediterranean recording culture. Thus we foresee a few of the accounting history subjects evoked by this meeting to be:

- Mutual interaction of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern / Balkan recording cultures,
- Traces of past accounting methods affecting world accounting cultures,
- The development process of the double-entry accounting system throughout the world: 19th and 20th Centuries,
- The course of development by accounting history studies at the beginning of the 21st Century

IN ADDITION TO THESE ACCOUNTING HISTORY SUBJECTS:

- On the fringe of major auditing issues: happenings and expectations for the accounting profession in this respect,
- International accounting standards problems brought about by economic globalization
- Other suitable accounting and accounting history subjects of similar vein,

The III International Conference on Luca Pacioli in Accounting History will be the third in a series of conferences that were held in El Escorial (Spain) - 2005, and in Sansepolcro, Perugia and Florence (Italy) - 2011;

The III Balkans and Middle East Conference on Accounting and Accounting History (3.BMAC) is also the third in a series of other conferences that were held in Edirne (Turkey, towards the Balkans) - 2007, and in Istanbul (Turkey) - 2010.

These conferences aim to share our accounting history cultures in order to shed light on future progress. Thus, they aim to establish debate and evaluate recent accounting and auditing issues in the 21st Century.

June is one of the best touristic months for Turkey and Istanbul. Suitable activities will be placed in the conference program.

English is the official language of the conferences. The deadline for abstracts is February 18, 2013. In their abstract submissions, participants must mention the name of the conference to which they are applying.

Abstracts must be sent to “oktay_guvenli@yahoo.co.uk”. Accepted papers will be announced by March 29, 2013.

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Union of Chambers of Certified Public Accountants Association of Turkey

MUFITAD
Association of Accounting and Financial History Researches
CALL FOR PAPERS
INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE
SOKOLOV READING
“ACCOUNTING: VIEW FROM THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE”
in commemoration of Professor Yaroslav V. Sokolov 75th anniversary
April 11-12, 2013 • St.-Petersburg, Russia

Dear Colleagues,

we invite you to participate in the International Scientific Conference, dedicated to the memory of Professor Yaroslav V. Sokolov. The whole point of the Conference is to bring scholars together to debate research directions on the history and theory of accounting. Thus we foresee following subjects to be reviewed by this meeting:

- Heritage of Professor Yaroslav Sokolov,
- Evolution of accounting paradigm,
- Mutual influence of national scientific schools of accounting,
- History of core themes: financial accounting, management accounting, analysis and audit,
- History of accounting in various locales, economic sectors and/or organizations,
- The harmonization of accounting and statistics,
- Outstanding scholars of the past and their contribution to the accounting science,
- Past, present and future of accounting profession,
- Interdisciplinary research: the relationship of accounting with other sciences.

Papers on other topics, related to accounting, also will be welcomed.

The Conference is held in St.-Petersburg, called the "Venice of the North”, which has significant historical and cultural heritage and is thus a highly attractive tourist destination. Suitable activities will be placed in the conference program. Conference will take place in the University campus, situated in the city centre.

Submission details:
Russian and English are the official languages of the conference, so authors are invited to submit papers in either of these two languages. In all cases a 500 word abstract written in English is required. The presentations should also be translated into English.

The abstract should be emailed to sokolov-reading@econ.pu.ru by 15 November 2012. Authors will be notified if their paper has been accepted by 1 December 2012. Offers of acceptance will be made subject to receipt of a presentation or completed paper. These should be emailed to sokolov-reading@econ.pu.ru by 28 February 2013.

The abstracts will form the basis of acceptance decisions although we reserve the right to request further information where there is uncertainty. The abstracts should cover the key areas of aims, research originality and method, its findings.

A selection of papers presented at the Conference will be published in the thematic collection of readings. Such papers will undergo conference scientific committee
reviewing procedures. Since committee engaged the editors of Russian and international accounting journals, some papers may be selected by them for publication.

**Conference Scientific Committee**

Nikolay Skvortsov, Vice-Rector for Research of St.-Petersburg State University – **Chairman of the Conference Scientific Committee.**

Leonid Shneidman, Director of the Department of State Financial Control Regulation, Auditing, Accounting and Reporting of the Russian Federation Ministry of Finance – **Deputy Chairman of the Conference Scientific Committee.**

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- Vyacheslav Sokolov, St.-Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance, Russia
- Nikolay Vrublevskyi, Journal “Accounting”, Russia
- Stephen Walker, Cardiff Business School, United Kingdom

**Conference Organization and Locality**

- The Saint Petersburg State University is being supported in the organisation of the Conference by a management committee.
- Otar Margania, Dean of the Faculty of Economics, St. Petersburg State University – **Chairman of the Conference Management Committee**

**Members of the Conference Management Committee:**


- Queries about the Conference should be directed to:
  - Dina Lvova (e-mail: d.lvova@econ.pu.ru, tel.: +7-911-9454093)
  - Valeryi Kovalev (e-mail: v.kovalev@econ.pu.ru, tel.: +7-921-7699209).

- Conference e-mail address: sokolov-reading@econ.pu.ru
- Faculty of Economics Campus post address: Tavricheskaya street 21-23, St.-Petersburg, 191123, Russia.
Introduction of the 8th Annual Conference of Accounting History Committee of the Accounting Society of China (2013)

Background

The history of accounting is so long that it can be dated back to prehistory times. In the modern times, accounting plays a controlling role in society by recording and providing economic information, thus making the research on accounting history of immense significance.

The Chinese market economy system has been established and developed rapidly since China’s opening and reform in 1978. With the development of China’s economy, China’s accounting theory and practice have changed a lot. Under the leadership of elder accounting experts such as Li Baozhen, Yang Shizhan, Lou Erxing and so on, a large group of accounting scholars engaged in accounting history research and generated a series of research achievements, which promoted accounting history research. One of the most outstanding accounting history research experts is Professor Guo Daoyang, who is the Ph.D instructor of Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, associate director of Accounting Society of China, director of Accounting History Committee of Accounting Society of China. Professor Guo’s research achievements are well known in the accounting academic circles all over the world. The research program of “Research on China’s Accounting History” funded by China’s National Social Science Foundation will summarize and comment on accounting development in the past years. This study will promote the development of China’s accounting culture and emphasize the important role of China’s accounting in world accounting development.

The Accounting History Committee of ASC has already held seven seminars on accounting history, which focus on Accounting Reforms Throughout the History, The Pattern of Accounting Development, Development of CPA, Accounting Development in New China, Accounting Development of Shanxi Banking Industry, Accounting History in Jiangsu and Zhejiang, The Development of Accounting Thoughts and Accounting Reforms in China’s Enterprises.

In order to promote the academic exchange between Chinese and foreign accounting scholars, the 8th Annual Conference of Accounting History Committee of ASC will be held by:

Henan University of Economics and Law
July 18-22, 2013
Zhengzhou, Henan Province.

Henan province is the birthplace of Chinese civilization and the cultural center of the Xia and Shang dynasty. Therefore, Henan plays an important role in China’s history, especially the culture development. What’s more important, Henan’s accounting culture is of great significance to the origin of accounting thoughts, accounting behavior. In the historians’ mind, the study of any science must be started from its
origin, accounting history research is no exception. Therefore, the conference held in Henan and focus on the study of accounting development and accounting thoughts in Xia, Shang and Zhou dynasty is to trace the origins of accounting historical culture.

Call for Papers

The announce calls for papers to all Chinese and international academics and scholars, and the authors of selected papers will be invited to attend the seminar.

A. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following areas:
1. The contribution of the China’s original accounting culture to the world
2. Interconnected textual research of the original accounting culture and the culture of the Xia dynasty.
3. Accounting legal system textual research in the bamboo slips of Qin and Han dynasties.
4. Shangjizhi (Palace audit) textual research in the bamboo slips of Qin and Han dynasties.
5. Ancient temples accounting textual research based on Dunhuang historical data.
8. Capitalist economic relationships bud in the late Ming dynasty and China’s accounting development.
9. The power corruption and accounting fraud in Qing dynasty.
10. Revolutionary base areas and the accounting development research before the establishment of the People's Republic of China.
12. Other issues related to accounting history research.

Normative research, empirical research and history research and other research methods are accepted. Only unpublished paper should be submitted. The selected paper will be presented by the author in Chinese or English in the meeting.

B. Other tips
1. The submission deadline is March 31, 2013. The notice will be sent out before April 30, 2013.
2. The cover of paper should include the paper’s title and the information of author (name, affiliation, position, title, contact methods, etc.)
3. The first page of paper should include the following contents: Chinese title, Chinese abstract (150 words), Chinese keywords (no more than 5), which all use in Song typeface number five words; English title, English abstract, English keywords, which all use in ten Times New Roman fonts.
4. Paper could be written in Chinese or English. The format of paper should comply with the requirements of the Chinese magazine “Accounting Research”.
5. Please enclosed your paper as an attachment (PDF or Word format) and sent it to kjshh2013@163.com. The name of the attachment should be in this format--“author-paper title”. Please also indicate the subject of email as “accounting history academic conference paper”.
6. Contacts:
   Mr. Tang: +86-0371-63519079 (fax), +86-13598082560
   Mr. Fang: +86-13676934169

Accounting History Committee of ASC
Henan University of Economics and Law
The seventh Accounting History International Conference

“Innovation in accounting thought and practice: Lessons from the past”

Seville, Spain
25-27 September, 2013

Sponsored by: Department of Business Administration, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, de Sevilla, Department of Accounting, Universidad de Sevilla
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. The conference will take place in a city whose rich heritage extends from the Phoenicians to the Bourbon Dynasty. Seville was the main European harbour for more than 200 years and the source of significant developments in business and trade which also fostered innovations in accounting practice and accounting thought. Authors are therefore encouraged to address topics on innovation in accounting thought and practice which have had a pivotal or significant impact on industries, firms and academic communities, including:

- Innovations in public sector accounting;
- Innovations within auditing firms;
- Innovations in taxation;
- Innovations in the regulation of the profession and standard setting processes;
- New approaches to studying accounting history;
- Accounting education and innovation;
- The role of academics in the development of innovation;
- Understanding and developing innovations derived from business crises;
- Accounting innovations with an international dimension.

Submission and Review of Papers: Papers written in the English language should be submitted electronically no later than 15 April 2013 to 7ahic@rmit.edu.au. All papers will be subject to a double-blind refereeing process and will be published on the Conference Website, as refereed conference proceedings, unless otherwise advised. A special issue of the journal on the conference theme will be published following the event.

Notification of Acceptance: Notification of papers accepted for inclusion in the conference program will be made by 5 June 2013.

Conference information is available at the Conference Website: www.7ahic-seville2013.com
Inquiries may be directed to the Conference Convenor, Juan Baños, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, de Sevilla, at the following e-mail address: jbasan@upo.es

Information about visiting Seville can be found at http://www.andalucia.org/destinos/provincias/sevilla and for visiting Spain see http://www.spain.info/
Call for Research Proposals

The fourth Accounting History International Emerging Scholars’ Colloquium
Seville, Spain, 25 September 2013

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 history, and who seek to obtain feedback from senior faculty members on their historical accounting research projects in an intellectually stimulating environment.

The fourth Accounting History International Emerging Scholars’ Colloquium (4AHIESC) will be held as part of the seventh Accounting History International Conference (7AHIC) being held in Seville, Spain during 25-27 September 2013. The 4AHIESC will be conducted on the first day of the 7AHIC, prior to registration and the opening reception, enabling up to ten emerging scholars in accounting history to present their research proposals.

Academic members of a panel comment on the formal presentations made by each participant and offer constructive advice and encouragement to all presenters.

The following senior faculty members have been confirmed for the 4AHIESC panel:
• Marcia Annisette, York University, Canada
• Garry Carnegie, RMIT University, Australia
• Fernando Gutiérrez Hidalgo, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Spain
• Marta Macías, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain
• Christopher Napier, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK
• Brian West, University of Ballarat, Australia.

Individuals who wish to express an interest in attending the 4AHIESC are requested to forward their research proposals, brief biographical details and a CV to Brian West no later than 12 July 2013 at the following address: 7ahic@rmit.edu.au

Research proposals of no more than six pages (double spaced) should contain the following information:
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;
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 12 key references relating to the proposed study;

Formal invitations to attend the Colloquium will be issued on receipt and review of research proposals. Further details about the 7AHIC are found at the following site: www.7ahic-seville2013.com
Accounting History

Call for Papers
Accounting’s Past in Sport

In most countries, sporting organisations are economically and socially important. Sports such as basketball, cricket, football (in its various forms), golf and hockey contribute significantly to shaping the cultures, communities and societies across the globe. While covering a diversity of activities, sport is likewise delivered and managed by means of a plethora of organisational structures from large for-profit corporate bodies to local volunteer-based community clubs. However, one factor common to all sporting organisations, both now and in the past, is the need to account and to be accountable.

A special issue of Accounting History on the above titled theme is scheduled to be published in the first half of 2015.

Topics for this special issue may include, but are not limited to, areas such as:
- Accounting practices in sport and/or sporting organisations
- Accountability and reporting by sporting organisations
- The diverse sources of funding in sport and their consequences for shaping notions of accountability and success
- The role of accounting in shaping the development of sporting organisations, or sports as a whole
- The interplay between sport and accounting and the development of national culture, or community social capital
- The relationship between financial (“off-field”) success and sporting (“on-field”) success
- Accountants’ contribution to sport, or the influence of sports or sporting culture on accountants and accounting practice
- Creative accounting, fraud and accounting scandals in sport

Potential contributors are encouraged to interpret the theme broadly using diverse theoretical and methodological perspectives. Submissions are particularly encouraged which explore the multiple, complex and disconnected factors shaping accounting’s past in sport and which seek to identify the impacts of accounting on organisational and social functioning. Likewise, papers published in this special issue need not be constrained by focusing only on large, national or international sports and organisations. Contributions which focus on accounting and sport in local settings are also welcome.

Submissions must be written in English and forwarded electronically to the guest editors by 30 September 2013. Manuscripts will be subject to the usual double blind review process of Accounting History.

Guest editors: Potential contributors are invited to contact the guest editors to discuss their proposed topics: Brad Potter, University of Melbourne, email: bnpotter@unimelb.edu.au and Margaret Lightbody, University of South Australia, email: margaret.lightbody@unisa.edu.au
Academy of Accounting Historians

2013 Research Conference
October 17-20, 2013 • Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA

CALL FOR PAPERS

Oshkosh (population 65,000) is located at the southern end of Wisconsin’s Fox River Valley, about 40 miles from the northern mouth of the river into Lake Michigan at Green Bay. This area of Wisconsin is a Statistical Metropolitan Area of about 750,000 people distributed over some twenty different cities.

Since the explorations of Jean Nicolet in the early 1600’s, The Fox River Valley of Wisconsin has been a busy crossroads of entrepreneurial activity from the fur trade in the 17th century to lumbering and papermaking in the 19th century to becoming the center of sport aviation in the twentieth century. Home to both the John Birch Society and the Henry Houdini Museum, the Fox River Valley stands as a monument to the entrepreneurial spirit.

It is, then, fitting that the historical theme of the Conference focuses on Accounting and Entrepreneurship in all its many forms. However, papers on other topics are gladly accepted.

Submissions: Papers for presentation should include an abstract and be submitted electronically as an attachment in WORD format to: Joann Noe Cross at crossj@uwosh.edu by August 1, 2013. Papers submitted to the conference for presentation will be blind reviewed.

Although the conference fee has not been determined at this time, every effort will be made to keep the cost as low as possible.

Travel Information

Overnight facilities will be offered both at the newly renovated downtown Oshkosh hotel and conference center. All conference activities are intended to be within a block of this location and transportation will be provided for any events further afield.

The nearest airport to Oshkosh is Appleton Outagamie County Airport (ATW) which is serviced by Delta (from Detroit, Minneapolis-St Paul and Atlanta) and United (from Chicago O’Hare) as well as less familiar carriers. Both Green Bay (40 miles to the north) and Milwaukee (90 miles to the south) also have frequent flights from major USA hubs.

Interesting historical sites in this area include a multitude of Museums including that of the Experimental Aircraft Association and extensive water-based recreation facilities.
Call for Papers

Histories of Accounting and the Hospital

Hospitals are not only bastions of modern medicine but also major sites of economic activity. Together with other health services, they now account for more than 10 per cent of GDP in many developed countries. Amid increasing concerns about the cost of health services, the hospital has become a major focus of accounting research. Much emphasis has been placed on studying accounting practices in the contemporary hospital setting. The historical development of such practices remains substantially unexplored. A forthcoming special issue of Accounting History Review will focus on the history of hospital accounting to stimulate further research in this emerging field.

The special issue will adopt wide parameters in relation to the period and location studied. To encourage innovative and interdisciplinary research on hospital accounting papers drawing on a range of methodological and theoretical approaches will be considered and a definition of accounting will be adopted which extends beyond the mere recording of financial transactions. Moreover, reflecting historical notions of the hospital as a place offering moral and spiritual support as well as medical treatment, we encourage submissions focusing on institutions concerned with broader social functions such as the care of the poor and needy, both in terms of their physical and spiritual wellbeing.

Topics for the special issue may include, but are not limited to, historical aspects of the following:

- Accounting and the hospital economy
- Accounting for hospital organisation at the regional and/or national level
- Accounting for medical practice and accounting by medical and allied professionals
- Accounting in small or cottage hospitals
- Accounting in the pre-modern hospital
- Hospital accounting in its social and institutional contexts
- The state and hospital accounting
- Performance measurement in the hospital setting
- Issues relating to auditing and accountability in the hospital
- The relationship between financial and medical knowledge in the hospital
- The professionalisation of hospital accountants, and organisations of healthcare accounting and finance professionals

The submission deadline is 28 February 2014, but earlier submissions are welcomed. Manuscripts should be sent electronically to the guest editors, Florian Gebreiter (f.gebreiter1@aston.ac.uk) and William Jackson (w.jackson@hw.ac.uk). Submissions should follow the style guidelines of Accounting History Review and will be subject to double-blind review. Potential contributors are encouraged to contact the guest editors at their earliest convenience.
ANNOUNCEMENT

14TH WORLD CONGRESS OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS

PESCARA, ITALY, SUMMER 2016

Much time has passed since the "Fourth International Congress of the History of Accountancy" was successfully organized in Pisa in 1984 by Tito Antoni. The University Gabriele d'Annunzio (www.unich.it) will be proud to host in 2016 the World Congress of Accounting Historians, which will take place in Pescara, the attractive Italian seaside resort. Connections to many international destinations are available through Abruzzo International Airport (http://www.abruzzoairport.com/). Pescara is also conveniently located for delegates travelling via airports in Rome. The Abruzzo region features many sites of historical interest, boasts a splendid national park, and is renowned for its wine, oil, pasta and other culinary delights.

Supported by the Italian Society of Accounting History (SISR), the 14th WCAH will provide an international platform for scholars from around the world to present and discuss research across the full range of accounting history topics and methodological and theoretical perspectives. Papers in all fields of accounting history research are invited, with general strands and categories to be specified at a later stage.

Submission details:
Full papers are to be submitted in English and will be subject to the refereeing process. Accepted papers will be assigned to parallel sessions. All accepted papers will be published on the conference website, as refereed conference proceedings, unless otherwise advised.

Symposium:
A symposium will be organized during the WCAH, where a panel of editors and delegates representing accounting and accounting history journals will be represented. The symposium will focus on the status of research in the field, and trends in the research agenda.

Conference information and inquiries:
Conference information and inquiries may be directed to the Convener, Massimo Sargiacomo, University G.d'Annunzio, at the following e-mail address: msargiacomo@unich.it
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