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For 10 years, Alan was editor of the International Journal of Applied Expert Systems and is currently editor of Accounting Education: an international journal. He has also served on the editorial board of more than 10 academic journals. He has published over 60 academic papers in refereed journals and has presented his work at over 80 conferences, including 8 plenary addresses. He is also the author of a number of books, including the best selling financial accounting textbook outside North America, Frank Wood's Business Accounting (Pearson, 2015) and Libr. XV: Cotrugli and de Raphaeli on Business and Bookkeeping in the Renaissance (Lomax Press, 2014).

Sangster is a past chair of the British Accounting and Finance Association (BAFA) Special Interest Group in Accounting Education and of the American Accounting Association Artificial Intelligence/Expert Systems Section. His work has been recognised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, the AI/ES Section of the AAA, the BAFA AE SIG, and the Spanish Association of Accounting and Business Administration. In 2013, he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement award of the British Accounting and Finance Association and, in 2015, he was honoured to receive the Hourglass Award from the Academy of Accounting Historian. His current research focus is mainly on accounting and business history.