

2018 AFAANZ Conference Report

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SUBMISSIONS

- The submission rates are slightly down from prior years. Not surprisingly with the location of the conference, there is almost a 100% increase in authors from New Zealand.
- We made one round of acceptances this year (81 Concurrent with discussants; 76 Concurrent without discussants; 89 Forum; 36 Research Interactive (RI)). The acceptance rate is 89.5% including RI and 78.1% excluding RI.
- To deal with the issue of withdrawals, we asked authors to (1) indicate, at the time of submission, their commitment to attend the conference if their paper is accepted; and (2) confirm their attendance when the acceptances were announced. Unfortunately, the rate of withdrawal continues to be high (57 papers, 20.2%).

Table 1 Statistics on submissions

	2015 (Hobart)	2016 (Gold Coast)	2017 (Adelaide)	2018 (Auckland)
Number of submissions	305	407	335	315
Number of acceptances	235	298	249	282
Acceptance Rate~	77%	73.2%	74.3%	89.5%
Number of authors	587	835	733	805
Number of countries	34	41	39	39
Number of authors from Australia	355	409	370	411
Number of authors from NZ	72	75	80	158
Number of authors from US	28	77	50	29

~ Stats for 2015 – 2017 based on first round.

- We re-introduced the Interdisciplinary stream this year due to a request made. While there are issues with grouping papers and choosing reviewers as the papers cover very different topics, we should continue to offer the stream in 2019 as it is too early to decide whether we should discontinue.
- We introduced a number of sub-streams for Finance. This has made it easier to assign papers to reviewers and to group the papers by themes for the program.
- As part of Ball and Brown (1968) 50th Anniversary celebrations, two concurrent sessions were dedicated to papers that benefited from this seminal paper.

Table 2 Submission by streams

Stream	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018 Accept Rates (excl RI)	2018 Accept Rates (incl RI)
Accounting History	3	1	7	4	75.0%	100.0%
Auditing	36	38	33	39	76.9%	84.6%
Corporate Governance	35	62	47	38	73.7%	84.2%
Corporate Social Responsibility	23	33	37	28	82.1%	92.9%
Critical Perspectives			11	4	75.0%	100.0%
Education	19	19	20	28	78.6%	85.7%
Finance*	41	97	44	63	82.5%	92.1%
Financial Accounting	70	80	67	44	77.3%	84.1%
Interdisciplinary	17	14		13	84.6%	100.0%
International Accounting	17	14	15	11	72.7%	100.0%
Management Accounting	18	22	32	26	76.9%	88.5%
Public Sector/Not for Profit	15	17	16	9	66.7%	100.0%
Taxation	11	10	6	8	75.0%	100.0%
Total	305	407	335	315	78.1%	89.5%

* Asset pricing – 8; Behavioural Finance 7; Corporate Finance 23; Finance (Other) 25

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- 5 panels included in the program, 1 planned but did not proceed. A lot of background work were required to get these off the ground. We will need to start planning for the next conference and have individuals champion the panels.

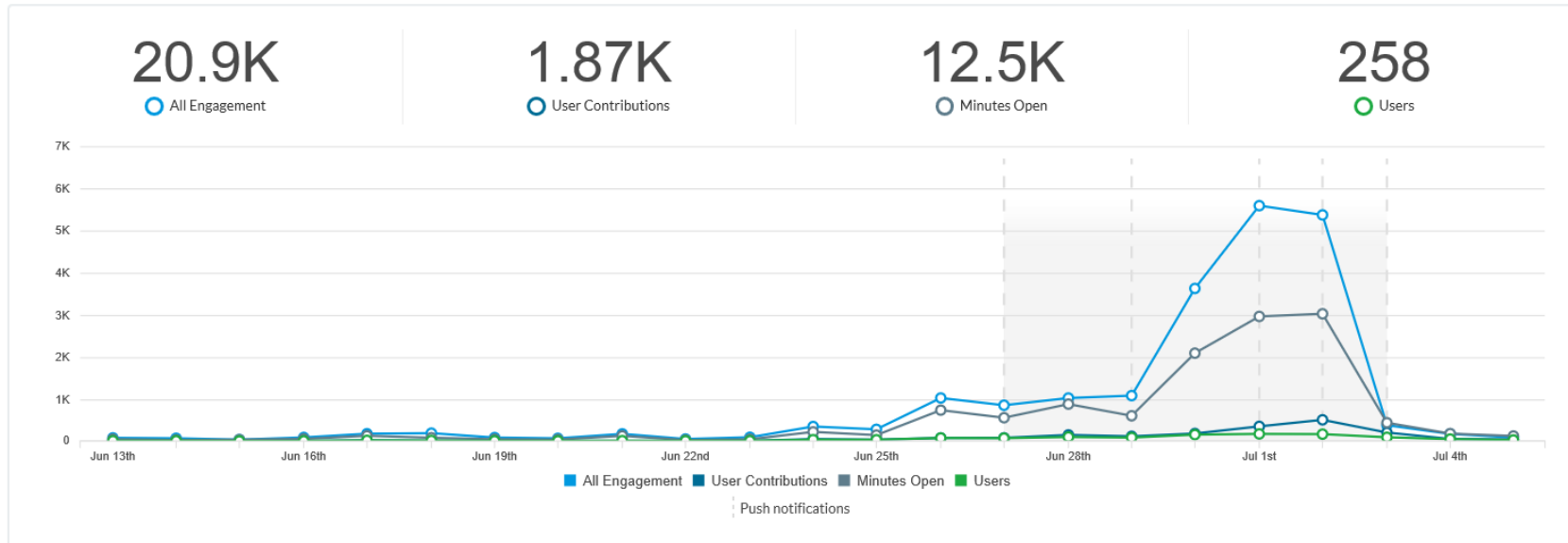
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- 23 members on the committee across the 13 streams.
 - 4 members from New Zealand and 19 from Australia.
 - Representing 3 New Zealand institutions and 15 Australian institutions.
 - 4 new members introduced to the committee to ensure refresh and continuity.
- Reviewers were required, by the system, to provide comments before they are able to lodge their reviews. However, some authors note that the comments they have received are very concise.
- Committee members were asked to “review” the reviewer’s comments. Some committee members reported that they had to moderate the comments from some reviewers. We will need to continue to emphasise the importance of moderation.

CONFERENCE SUBMISSION SYSTEM

- OpenConf now provides the host server for our conference submission system. The issue of hacking seems to have been resolved.

STATISTICS ON THE CONFERENCE APP



Devices

