



June 2020

# NEWSLETTER

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## Presidents' Message and Update

Dear AFAANZ members

We are very excited to be offering a virtual conference this year FREE to all AFAANZ members!  
The virtual AFAANZ conference will run through OnAIR Showcase from Sunday July 5th to Tuesday July 7th.

The virtual format allows us to offer all of our regular conference events plus some very exciting extra activities. Each week we will provide updates on our plenary and panel presentations and SIG events.

We look forward to seeing you in early July.

Jac Birt (Australian President)  
Charl de Villiers (New Zealand President)

# CONFERENCE UPDATE

*On Sunday 5th July we will be running the first of 4 exciting panels.*

## THE CHANGING INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY ENVIRONMENT AND IMPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATION

The information and communication technology (ICT) environment is rapidly changing with the introduction of data analytics, robotic process automation, smart contracts, and artificial intelligence applications in the accounting environment. This session will explore the implications of this changing ICT environment for professional practice, and for the education of the next generation of accountants. It will explore not only how the technical competence of accounting professional will change, but also the implications of ICT for the development of professional skills (critical thinking skills and being technologically nimble) and professional values.

This session will be moderated by **Emeritus Professor Ray Johnson** (Portland State University, IAESB Chair 2017-2019 and lead author of "Auditing, a Practical Approach with Audit Data Analytics").



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*Stay tuned for further highlights!*



Registration is free for AFAANZ members and to register, click on the link [HERE](#). Make sure your AFAANZ Individual Membership is current for 2020. Please email [info@afaanz.org](mailto:info@afaanz.org) for any enquiries on the status of your membership.

Seminars will also be held for most SIGs. Details of the seminars will be listed below and registrations are through the conference registration link.

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## SIG EVENTS

### Auditing and Assurance Special Interest Group (SIG 1)

#### Notice of Annual General Meeting Sunday July 5 at 10am (AEST)

Important announcements to be made and items to be voted on.  
Zoom details to be sent to current SIG 1 members on Monday June 29.  
If you would like to join our meeting, please make sure your SIG 1 membership is current (please email [info@afaanz.org](mailto:info@afaanz.org) for any queries)

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### Accounting History Special Interest Group (SIG2)

#### The 13th Accounting History Symposium

The thirteenth Accounting History Symposium will be held on Saturday, 4 July 2020, immediately preceding the 2020 AFAANZ Annual Conference. The Symposium will be delivered via the AFAANZ conference onAir platform from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. approximately. The Symposium will be free of charge for both AHSIG members and non-members but participants need to register their attendance

We are pleased to have a panel of leading and emerging Accounting History scholars to discuss and give feedback to the proposals and papers presented at the Symposium. The panel includes: Professor Garry Carnegie, Associate Professor Carolyn Fowler, Associate Professor Laura Maran, Professor Grant Samkin, Dr Delfina Gomes, Dr Nick Davis, Dr Giulia Leoni, Dr Maryam Safari, and Dr Binh Bui.

Further details on the Symposium registration and programme will be available on the SIG page within the AFAANZ [website](#); and communicated to presenters and participants in due course.

For any enquiries please email us at [acchis.sig@gmail.com](mailto:acchis.sig@gmail.com)

#### AHSIG AGM

The annual general meeting of Accounting History Special Interest Group will be held on Tuesday, 14 July 2020 via Zoom. The meeting is to commence at 5.30pm sharp AEST. A further notice along with the agenda will be circulated to SIG members in due course.

#### Editors' Choice collection and Annual Publication list

SAGE Publications has established a new Editors' Choice Collection for Accounting History on the theme "Accounting and Totalitarian Regimes". Click [HERE](#)

The 2019 Annual Publication list is also now available [HERE](#):

#### Accounting History SIG Twitter

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Contact us via email: [acchis.sig@gmail.com](mailto:acchis.sig@gmail.com)

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## FINANCIAL REPORTING INTEREST GROUP

### 2020 FINANCIAL REPORTING FORUM ONLINE , JULY 4

The 2020 Financial Reporting Forum will be held online via Zoom, which I know many of us are now quite familiar with this platform. The format will commence with the various accounting standard setting bodies making presentations on current reporting issues in the morning session. This will include a comprehensive update but with particular focus on hot topics on the agenda.

The afternoon session will be devoted to presentations by PhD students, established academics and practitioners.

#### PhD PRESENTATIONS: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We invite students working on PhD (or Master) projects in financial reporting especially projects that are likely to have significant relevance to accounting standards to present papers on their research. This is an opportunity for research students to obtain valuable feedback from an audience with a strong interest in financial reporting. If you are working on a topic for a higher research degree that is likely to have significant relevance to accounting standards and you would like to nominate for the afternoon session you should e-mail an abstract of no more than 300 words to Phil Hancock. ([phil.hancock@uwa.edu.au](mailto:phil.hancock@uwa.edu.au)). If you would like more details, call Phil on 08 6488 1835.

### **ACADEMICS AND PRACTITIONERS: CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Forum also provides an opportunity for the academic and practitioner communities to show the standard setters that some academic research currently in progress in Australia and New Zealand that may be very relevant to them as standard setters. We invite interested academics and practitioners to submit papers on any topic related to financial reporting/accounting. Full papers or abstracts of 300 words maximum will be considered for acceptance. These should be sent to [janice.loftus@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:janice.loftus@adelaide.edu.au) no later than June 15. Applicants will be notified by 22 June 2020. Full papers for successful applicants will be required by June 30.

So, register for the online forum and hear from the accounting standard setters in Australia and New Zealand.

Phil Hancock  
Chair

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### **AFAANZ SIG5: ACCOUNTING EDUCATION**

You are warmly invited to join the Accounting Education SIG at its 2020 Virtual Symposium. The theme of this year's symposium is Teaching & Learning: Being agile in challenging times and will include a keynote address, 2 paper sessions and a panel discussion all related to the symposium theme. In addition, all registrants will receive a goody bag consisting of details of online resources that may prove useful for teaching and learning in these challenging times. The symposium which will commence at 1.00 pm AET on Saturday 4th July is free to all AFAANZ members.

To view the Program, click [HERE](#)

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### **AFAANZ FINANCE SIG 2020 SHARK TANK PITCH EVENT - Replications**

After last year's successful event, the Finance SIG is again holding a shark tank pitch event with research teams to propose a replication of an important recent finance study. During the SIG meeting, seven invited teams will pitch their research replication idea to the "sharks" (i.e. a panel of journal editors representing: Accounting & Finance, Accounting Research Journal, Pacific-Basin Finance Journal). After each pitch, each shark editor will give a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down".

Ultimately, subject to an agreed offer by one of the shark editors, replication pitches presented at the 2020 Finance SIG SHARK TANK PITCH event will be invited to execute the research replication project and publish the resultant completed paper in a future issue of the "winning" shark's journal.

Please come along and join us in this exciting event! Attendees will need to be current members of the SIG and registrations are open via the AFAANZ conference page.

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### **MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING SIG**

The 7th annual MA SIG forum will be held on Monday 6th July from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. Come along and meet MA researchers from around the country. Listen to 3MT presentations from our latest MA PhD candidates. Engage with guest panellists debating the implications of COVID-19 for MA research. BYO glass of vino!"

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## Call for Papers for Accounting and Finance

### Expedited Issue on COVID-19 and Corporate Sustainability

We invite the submission of accounting and finance studies that advance our understanding of the challenges brought on by COVID-19 to build a sustainable future, as well as the implications of COVID-19 crisis on sustainability performance and sustainability transitions globally. Both theoretical and empirical papers are encouraged in areas which include, but are not limited to:

- The impact of bail-out and stimulus measures, for example, their impact on investments into lower emissions solutions
- The impact of the recent rapid drop in oil prices and consequences for the clean energy transition
- New forms of corporate social responsibility and sustainability in a post-pandemic world
- Changes in corporate policy responses to the sustainability imperative
- Impacts of COVID-19 on patterns of sustainable consumption and production
- Environmental, social and governance (ESG) challenges arising from COVID-19
- Investors' concern around sustainability issues in a post-pandemic world

For further details, click [HERE](#). Submission deadline is September 30, 2020

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## Call for Proposals

CIMA has launched a two stage call for proposals on the following broad topics:

- The links between management accounting concerns and practices and contemporary developments in technology.
- The links between management accounting concerns and practices and contemporary developments in climate change reporting and sustainability.

In the first stage of the Call, which is now open, we are offering up to £7,500 of seedcorn funding to early career researchers and experienced researchers looking to conduct feasibility studies.

Applications close on 28 August 2020. The second stage, open from July 1 will offer up to £30,000 to experienced researchers.

For more information visit [www.cimaglobal.com/Research--Insight/Research-Funding](http://www.cimaglobal.com/Research--Insight/Research-Funding) or email [research@aicpa-cima.com](mailto:research@aicpa-cima.com)

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## AFAANZ Doctoral Education Network (AFDEN)

AFDEN aims to facilitate the broad offering of coursework units/subjects relevant to PhD candidates in Accounting or Finance enrolled in Australian and New Zealand universities. The primary aim is to seamlessly facilitate a program providing PhD candidates the opportunity to develop world-class research skills and knowledge.

Dates for 2020 courses in Finance Theory, Finance Empirical, Research Methodological and Research Process can be found on the [AFAANZ website](#).

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## CALL FOR PAPERS and EXEMPLARS

New call for papers of **AAAJ** special issue: "Accounting, management, finance, and accountability in times of crisis: A COVID-19 perspective", which is now available on the journal's [website](#):

Guest Editors of this special issue are Giulia Leoni, Alessandro Lai, Riccardo Stacchezzini, Ileana Steccolini, Stephen Brammer, Martina Linnenluecke and Istemi Demirag

Any queries or enquiries about the special issue are to be directed to [giulia.leoni@unige.it](mailto:giulia.leoni@unige.it)

### Hawai'i Accounting Research Conference

January 3 - 5, 2021, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Submission Deadline: August 15, 2020

The Hawai'i Accounting Research Conference (HARC) is an annual global accounting conference organized by the Shidler College of Business at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM). The conference will provide a venue that is both enjoyable and affordable for attendees to engage in lively discussions about intellectually stimulating accounting research.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Katherine Schipper, Thomas F. Keller Professor of Business Administration at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. Further details available [HERE](#)

### Submissions are now open for Monforma2020 - 26 & 27 November 2020.

Monforma aims to enrich the discussion among academics by facilitating the free exchange of ideas, as well as promoting and initiating research opportunities within the Management Accounting discipline. We are pleased to invite researchers in the areas of management accounting and management control to submit their papers (we welcome paper submissions from Early Career Researchers (ECRs)). The submission deadline for papers for Monforma2020 is Monday, 13 July 2020. Full details are available [HERE](#)

### Journal of Management Accounting Research (JMAR)

SPECIAL INTEREST FORUM ON MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION-MAKING AND PLANNING MOTIVATION AND OVERVIEW

Scholars from all regions of the world are invited to submit articles examining all aspects of managerial accounting supporting decision-making and planning using any methodological approach. Submissions due: October 12, 2020. More information is available [HERE](#)

### 2020 Performance Management Association (PMA) Conference & Special Issue of Management Accounting Research (MAR)

Performance Measurement in Dynamic Environments

The 2020 PMA Conference and related Special Issue of MAR welcome research on performance measurement and management in a dynamic environment. In a dynamic environment, designing effective performance management systems is inevitably even more challenging. The research addressing this challenge is concerned with how performance measurement is or could be used in fast-moving environments. Technological disruptions; globalization (or recent impediments or reversals in some cases, such as 'reshoring' and 'slowbalization'); new forms of collaboration between organizations in supply chains and in broader networks of organizations; availability of more data through social media and the Internet of Things, are but examples of such challenging contexts.

We are interested in a wide range of topics and we welcome studies drawing on any relevant theoretical source discipline and employing any relevant research method, including case/field studies, surveys, archival studies, experiments, ethnographic and historical papers, as well as strongly conceptual descriptive work or thought pieces. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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PhD Assistance: A project is inviting participants to take part in a research study on "**The Role of Strategic Leadership in Cyber Security in Financial Organisations**". Please find attached the [Participants Information Sheet](#) and [Interview Questions](#) for more information and contact details.

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