

Report on the 2019 International Accounting Section Midyear Meeting, Miami, January 24-26, 2019

This year the 25th Midyear Meeting and 15th Ph.D.-New Faculty Consortium of the International Accounting Section of the American Accounting Association (AAA) were held in Miami on January 24-26, 2019.

In the sun-filled backdrop of Miami, the meeting started on Thursday with the Ph.D. / New Faculty Consortium and the Workshop about "*Teaching Accounting Students Big Data Skills*" followed by the official kick-off on Friday morning with a warm welcome from Stephen Wen-Jen Lin, Florida International University and the first plenary section by Ann Tarca, International Accounting Standards Board, where she discussed the role of IASB in financial reporting and provided some evidence supporting the view that the IASB is achieving its mission. After her presentation, Katherine Schipper, Thomas F. Keller Professor at Duke University, moderated a panel discussion with Andrei Filip, ESSEC Business School, Paul Munter, KPMG LLP and the University of Colorado Boulder, Grace Pownall, Emory University, and Ann Tarca, International Accounting Standards Board.

The meeting was scheduled on 5 sets of concurrent sessions on Friday and Saturday, with a total of 19 sessions and an overall number of 58 presented papers. The concurrent sessions were aimed to give feedback on papers, at whatever stage of their progress, mostly from the discussant. Definitively, the format of the IAS Midyear Meeting is great and the relatively small number of participants from all over the world created a stimulating atmosphere where researchers had the opportunity to exchange ideas, feedback and fresh insights on their current studies thus creating an international network for fruitful future collaborations.

Finally, I would sincerely thank all the people included in the organizing committee, and the sponsors, for their effort and dedication that they have demonstrated in organizing this

great conference. See you next year for the 26th International Accounting Section Midyear Meeting.

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