



President's Letter – March 2019

EAA further invests in PhD support

Dear Colleagues,

We have started the countdown for our 42nd EAA Annual Congress in Paphos (Cyprus). We received 1,012 paper submissions, and 700 papers will be presented at the Congress: 352 parallel sessions and 348 research fora. I would like to thank the Standing Scientific Committee (under the leadership of Ralf Ewert) and the entire review team for their great efforts to select the papers and organize the scientific program. The Symposia Committee (led by Annalisa Prencipe) selected 9 out of 16 symposia proposals to have at the Congress with a phenomenal list of panel speakers on diverse topics. As part of our strategy to invest in the next generation of accounting academics, we decided to reduce the Congress fee by 200 euros for *all* PhDs who want to attend the Congress, as well as the PhD Forum (the morning before the Congress starts). The PhD Forum, this year organized by Marcia Annisette and Martin Jacob, will offer a stimulating program for young scholars and PhDs with keynote speakers such as Paolo Quattrone, Theresa Libby, Christine Cooper, Robert Göx and Christoph Sextroh. Please check the Congress website for updates and details. Irene Karamanou and her local organizing team are making the final preparations for the Paphos Congress such that it will be an unforgettable event at a unique location. At this moment we are approaching 1,000 registrations.

This year we will have 5 awards at the opening ceremony. The Anthony G. Hopwood Award was established in 2005 and will be given to a colleague who showed exceptional academic leadership in the EAA Community. Nominations for the Hopwood Award were received in January, and the Awards Committee selected one winner. There are also best paper and best reviewer awards for both of the EAA Journals: European Accounting Review and Accounting in Europe. The EAR and AiE editors organized the award selection process.

Finally, I am happy to announce that we have found 10 high profile colleagues with diverse research backgrounds willing to serve on the Corporate Reporting Committee (see my previous newsletter) to address a wider role of corporate reporting (non-financial information relevant to a variety of stakeholders). Begoña Giner is the chairperson leading the CRC team and organizes the first public activity with a special symposium at the Annual Congress on May 31.

See you in Paphos!

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