

Auditing Special Interest Group

British Accounting & Finance Association

29th Audit & Assurance Conference

Thur 23rd & Fri 24th May 2019,

in central Birmingham, UK

[followed by the European Accounting Association congress, in Paphos, Cyprus]

The 29th Audit & Assurance Conference, organised by the Auditing Special Interest Group (SIG) of the British Accounting & Finance Association (BAFA), will be held in central Birmingham, United Kingdom on Thu 23rd and Fri 24th May 2019. The conference is sponsored by ICAEW, ICAS, Audit Analytics, KPMG and EY. The conference organisation is supported by Aston University Business School.

The conference aims to provide a forum which: i) allows faculty from higher education establishments to meet and exchange ideas and experiences, ii) encourages the discussion of educational objectives and teaching methodologies within auditing courses, and iii) promotes the dissemination of current research and professional practice in auditing and assurance, and auditing education. The conference offers a unique mix of distinguished expert speakers in the areas of auditing and assurance (incl. audit education) and it provides highlights of the latest unpublished academic research on auditing and assurance. The conference also addresses critical auditing issues arising from the recent discussions and developments by various international regulatory bodies.

The conference has been successfully held at venues around the UK or Ireland for the past 28 years and attracts a mix of international academic and professional speakers. The conference organising committee is accepting papers in any area of auditing and assurance research (including audit education and pedagogy).

Following on from the successful conferences in the last years whereas a number of distinguished and influential speakers participated actively in the conference, the conference organising committee is already working towards putting together another excellent conference programme for the forthcoming conference in Birmingham. In the last few years' conferences, presenters such as Stephen Haddrill (Chief Executive Officer, FRC), Warren Allen (Deputy President, IFAC), Arvind Wadhera (then Head of Audit Unit, European Commission), Allister Wilson (E&Y partner and Convenor of ICAS Research Committee), Hilde Blomme (Deputy Chief Executive, FEE), Arnold Schilder (Chairman, IAASB), Douglas Nisbet (past president of ICAS and E&Y partner), Steve Maslin (Partner, GT) among others, participated.

Paper submission date: January 21, 2019. Please consider submitting a paper or attending the conference (especially if you are planning to attend the *European Accounting Association* conference in Paphos, Cyprus that is held few days later). **Papers should be submitted to ilias G Basioudis at the email: i.g.basioudis@aston.ac.uk.** All submitted papers will undergo a blind review process.

Birmingham metropolitan city is the second largest city in the UK, and it offers direct international flights to destinations in Europe, USA, Australia, etc. Also, there are direct flights from Birmingham international airport to Paphos, Cyprus (if interested in attending the EAA in few days later), or there is of course more flights choice from London to Paphos. London is only 90-min away from Birmingham.

If you would like to receive more information about the conference and the activities of the Auditing Special Interest Group, please contact the Chairman of the Auditing Group (ASIG), ilias G Basioudis (Aston Business School, Aston University, Accounting Group, Birmingham, UK, email: i.g.basioudis@aston.ac.uk).

The conference has been sponsored since its inception by various accounting bodies, our current sponsors being the *Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales* (ICAEW), the *Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland* (ICAS) and *Audit Analytics*. Their support has been invaluable through the years.

Auditing SIG's website: <http://static.aston.ac.uk/asig/firtspage.html>