



Financial Reporting and Business Communication, 21st Annual Conference Durham University, Thursday 6 & Friday 7 July 2017: First Call for Papers

We are pleased to announce the 21st annual Financial Reporting and Business Communication (FRBC) Conference organised by Durham University and the BAFA FARSIG. This is the premier conference of its kind worldwide and attracts an international audience. The conference, supported by ICAEW charitable trusts, comprises parallel full paper with discussants; developmental paper sessions and a doctoral stream.

The conference addresses key areas of interest to accounting academics and practitioners and includes:

- The role financial reporting and corporate governance in capital markets
- The purpose of the modern corporate report and the effectiveness of financial reporting standards
- Accounting measurement and disclosure; Sustainable, integrated and environmental reporting
- The composition and format of corporate reports and the role of the visual
- Corporate reporting and accountability in the private and public sectors

Papers are invited on these topics and on *all aspects of financial reporting and business communication* to include empirical, theoretical and conceptual papers as well as case studies and experimental studies.

The submission deadline is 21 April 2017 for all papers (please mark as FULL or DEVELOPMENTAL) to be considered for the conference to be submitted to Richard.slack@durham.ac.uk OR michaeljohn.jones@bristol.ac.uk:

Abstract and full paper (up to 12,000 words) for parallel session and allocated discussant review.

Please note: Discussants will only be allocated to full paper submissions and we expect that all submitters of full papers will be prepared to act as discussants.

Abstract (500 words) or short developmental paper (up to 5,000 words) for parallel session.

As part of the main conference, we intend to run streams for papers on *Social and Environmental disclosure and Integrated Reporting*, which will be eligible for the 2017/18 issue of *Advances in Environmental Accounting & Management* (organiser Stuart Cooper, Bristol) and the *History of Accounting* (organiser David Oldroyd, Durham). Please indicate on submission if you want papers considered for one of these two streams, otherwise it will be allocated to the general stream of the conference with parallel sessions organised around relevant research areas.

For doctoral students wishing to present in the doctoral stream, a 500 word abstract should be submitted by 31 March 2017. A *Sue Hrasky Scholarship* is available for 2017 to doctoral students in the doctoral stream. This comprises a doctoral fee waiver, UK receipted travel, subsistence and accommodation costs at the conference. Applications should be in the form of a structured abstract and email entitled FRBC Scholarship/authors name. The award of the Scholarship will be announced by the end of April 2017.

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