

Call for Papers, Presentations, and Interesting Resources

Reflections on Practice in Accounting Education

Accounting Education Interest Group (SIG5) Symposium

Saturday, 30 June, 2012

In conjunction with 2012 AFAANZ Annual Conference

Melbourne, Australia

Join us in Melbourne for the annual Accounting Education Special Interest Group Symposium. The symposium celebrates practice and research in the area of accounting education by delivering a program which includes research papers, panel sessions, and presentations by industry and professional bodies. This year the symposium will engage you in Reflections on Practice in Accounting Education by posing questions such as: How well are we designing curriculum to achieve the learning outcomes and satisfy professional and practice requirements? Are we keeping up to speed with emerging topics and skills? What are they anyway? Are we up to speed with technology? How do we inject vigour without sacrificing rigour? Are we keeping up with change? If not, why not?

Contributions to the symposium in the form of papers, workshop sessions (including the resources workshop outlined below) are invited from educators, industry members and professional bodies. Both abstracts and full papers may be submitted but only full papers will be peer reviewed.

This year besides providing an opportunity to meet to discuss ideas, share best practice and suggest directions for future research we are introducing several new sessions:

1. Resources Workshop. Do you have interesting videos, utube clips, music, jokes, relevant to accounting education or the professions. We'd like to know. Send them to the convenors. You will be asked to showcase your resource in this session.
2. A student Panel. Nominate a final year accounting major student from your university to be part of this Panel. Students will be asked to discuss their learning experiences, the highlights and the exceptions. Send an expression of interest to the convenors if you want one of your students to be part of this panel. Criteria for selection will then be sent to you.
3. Professional Development Session. A panel consisting of HR managers of large firms, professional body representatives and business CEOs will discuss 'Emerging Topics and Skills in the field'.
4. Heads of School Panel. Send an expression of interest to nominate your Head of School to be part of a panel to discuss 'The Importance of Accounting Education'. Criteria for nomination will then be sent to you.
5. Debate. Selected members of the group will debate 'To Change or Not To Change'. Join in the discussion at the end of the debate with your impressions.

All submissions, nominations and expressions of interest should be made electronically. For further information or to make a submission please contact Professor Marie Kavanagh email kavanagh@usq.edu.au or Paul Wells email paul.wells@aut.ac.nz. The deadline for abstract submission is **19 April 2012**. Earlier submission is encouraged.

Acceptance

Authors will be notified of acceptance by 7th May 2011 and will be required to notify us by 14th May of intention to attend and present.

We look forward to meeting you all in Melbourne for what will be a very different SIG meeting this year.

Marie Kavanagh and Paul Wells,
SIG5 Convenors.