12th WORLD CONGRESS OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS
July 20-24, 2008, Istanbul – Turkey
CALL FOR PAPERS

12th World Congress of Accounting Historians, the most recent of which was held in Nantes, in France, in July 2006, will be held July 20-24, 2008 in Istanbul, Turkey.

Istanbul, a fascinating city where two continents meet and many cultures have deep roots, has hosted many civilizations as a capital city. It is adorned with historically significant artifacts of the Byzantine and Ottoman civilizations. Istanbul, which is the largest city in Turkey with a population of 15 million, is honored to host individuals who are interested in accounting history. The attendees of the Congress will have the opportunity to visit the historical sites and museums of the city.

The Congress will be held in Harbiye Military Museum and Cultural Center, which is the biggest military museum in the Middle East. This Cultural Center is located in one of the important centers of the city and is close to Taksim, the center of the city's business, cultural and commercial life, surrounded by some of Europe's top quality hotels. Several exhibitions are planned for the Congress. An exhibition of documents concerning Ottoman Accounting Systems, which is unique with its background of over 550 years, along with special collections of accounting history and distinctive advertisements relevant to 100th, 150th, 200th anniversaries of events that influenced Ottoman Accounting Systems, will be among the items on exhibit. Furthermore, 80th anniversary of Reforms of The Turkish Republic will be commemorated within an exhibition of relevant documents in terms of its impacts on accounting education and application.

Besides this, 2008 will be the 125th anniversary of the establishment of Marmara University, which is the co-organizer of the congress. Marmara University is one of the most prestigious universities in Turkey with 55,000 students, faculty and staff. The University offers education in four languages. Association of Accounting and Finance Academicians (AAFA), the other organizer of the congress, is a society representing six hundred accounting and finance academicians from Turkish universities.

The main theme of the Congress is: Accounting History and Culture: From the Past to the Present. Papers are invited on any topic listed below:

- Accounting Methods Used Over the Centuries,
- Accounting in Ancient Empires, Civilizations and Religions,
- Development of Auditing Culture,
- Accounting Intellectuals and Practitioners,
- Enterprise and State Governance Related to Accounting,
- Financial Institutions: Banks, Stock Exchanges and Insurance Companies,
- Other subjects also will be considered.

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