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International Accounting Section (IAS): Midyear Meeting Change Announcement

Dear International Accounting Section Members and
Midyear Meeting Participants,

After careful consideration, the International Accounting Section leadership has decided to convert the 2022 IAS Midyear Meeting to a **virtual-only format**. Over the past week we have had several discussions; conducted a survey of our panel and paper presenters, moderators, discussants, and all others registered for the meeting; and collected information on the effects of potential cancellations on our program. Through this process, we determined that due to the recent rise in COVID-19 cases and related travel disruptions, many of our speakers, presenters, and discussants are no longer able or willing to travel to Las Vegas. In addition, the strict health and safety protocols called for at this time, the concerns that many of our members indicated for their own safety, and reduced attendance due to health and travel concerns would limit the social and networking opportunities in an in-person meeting. As a result, we determined that shifting our meeting to a virtual format would allow us to provide a substantially higher quality program and a better experience for our presenters and attendees.



This was a difficult decision to make and one that no one wanted to be faced with this year. Over the last week, we have also heard directly from meeting registrants supporting moving to a virtual meeting, and from other registrants supporting keeping the meeting in-person. We know that some of you will be disappointed by this decision. However, we assure you that we respect and appreciate the concerns raised by all and considered everyone's input carefully.

Midyear Meeting Details

The virtual meeting will be available through the AAA website using your existing Midyear Meeting registration. We will be maintaining the current schedule to the greatest extent feasible. However, since many of our presenters, discussants, and moderators are in different countries, we will need to revise the schedule in some ways to more appropriately match the time zones of meeting participants. We appreciate your patience as we work through these revisions and we will make the revised program available as soon as possible.

PhD/New Faculty Consortium

If you are already registered for the PhD/New Faculty Consortium, your current registration will provide you access to the consortium. Additional PhD students interested in joining the consortium can apply to join the consortium by emailing Linda Myers at lm Myers16@utk.edu

on or before **Thursday, January 20**, with a subject line “2022 IAS PhD/New Faculty Consortium Application.”

Meeting Registration

- If you have already registered for the meeting, your current registration will provide you with access to the virtual conference site. Unfortunately, the section will have to bear a substantial hotel cancelation fee as part of the move to a virtual format. As a result, it is not feasible for us to significantly reduce the registration cost.
- For those of you who refrained from registering for an in-person meeting due to health and safety or travel concerns, we have extended the “early bird” registration deadline to **Monday, January 17, 2022**. Please consider joining us in the revised virtual format; you can register for the meeting by clicking [HERE](#).
- For those of you who are disappointed by this outcome, we hope that you understand that the current circumstances do not allow for us to provide the high-quality in-person meeting that IAS usually delivers, and we hope that you will decide to remain registered for the meeting and that we will see you during the virtual sessions.

Hotel Reservations

If you made your hotel reservation within the AAA room block, those reservations will be automatically canceled for you. For any reservations you made outside of the AAA room block, at a different hotel, or via a third-party site, you must cancel your own reservations.

We will be working diligently for the next few weeks to provide you with a great meeting and we look forward to seeing you virtually! If you have any questions about your current meeting registration, please contact the American Accounting Association at info@aaahq.org.

Sincerely,

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