

President's Letter

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are having a wonderful year so far! I don't know that I've quite adjusted to a "new normal" after the height of the pandemic, but these last few years have certainly been an interesting time. Maybe it's age, or the obscuring mists of time, but it sure feels like the rate of change has been much faster over the last five years than it was for the first fifteen of my academic career, and that's including the heyday of international financial reporting convergence!

It is with great delight, therefore, that I'm able to return again and again to my International Accounting Section family. The home I have found in this wonderful group of people has been a balm for my soul. Whether you've been in the section for what feels like forever or you're new to the team, I hope that the midyear and annual meetings are occasions for connection and celebration.

It was wonderful to reconnect with friends and meet many new ones at the midyear meeting in January (the first in-person midyear in three years!), held jointly with the AIS and SET sections at the Sahara in Las Vegas. Thank you so much to Chuong Do and Jeff Chen for their work as meeting co-chairs and to Linda Ann Myers and Emily Anne Shafron for coordinating the PhD/New Faculty Consortium! Be sure to check out the award winners mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. We had great discussions about the student pipeline, business analytics, and cybersecurity at our joint plenaries and meals, and there were an impressive number of concurrent sessions on many different topics—something for everyone. I love Zoom and Teams as much as the next person, but there's something so much more fulfilling about being in the same room with folks. Please know that if you couldn't make it this time you were missed! There are lots of upcoming events for you to choose from, though.

The [10th International Conference of the Journal of International Accounting Research](#), our section journal, is June 22-24th at the [Norwich Business School - University of East Anglia](#) in the UK. A *huge* thank you to each and every member of the planning and organizing committees with a special thank you to Ana Marques and her team at NBS: Ricardo Malagueno, Pinar Guven-Uslu, Fabio Motoki, and Denis Lima e Alves. If you can attend, you absolutely should! It's going to be a great event.

I also hope you're able to attend the AAA annual meeting in Denver and join in the section lunch on Monday, August 7th. The ever-fabulous [Charles Cho of the Schulich School of Business at York University](#) is scheduled to be our luncheon speaker. He is one of the world's leading experts on sustainability, going beyond ESG reporting to issues of planetary significance. It is sure to be an interesting talk. Thank you to our organizing co-chairs Jay Lee and Francesco De Luca for their ongoing efforts in putting together an excellent program.

And finally, be sure to mark your calendars for our next midyear meeting, to be held jointly with the [International Association for Accounting Education & Research](#) (IAAER), scheduled for

January 25-27th at the Emory University Conference Center. The call for papers will go out over the summer. Be sure to submit your work and panel suggestions! Many thanks to Jeff Chen and Maria Rykaczewski for co-chairing that meeting.

While I've mentioned a few specific people here, the section would not be what it is without the many, many contributions of so many of you. I can't possibly say it enough: THANK YOU! If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at gia_chevis@baylor.edu.

With much gratitude and in friendship,

Gia Chevis

IAS President 2022-2023

P.S. A hearty congratulations to Cristina Florio of the University of Verona on her recent election as the 2023-2024 AAA Director-Focusing International. She has been a great friend to the International Section for many years and will do a wonderful job!