



Dear Fellow Section Members,

It was great to see all of you who were able to attend the International Accounting Section midyear meeting, January 27-29 and February 4-5. Despite the challenging environment, our Midyear Meeting Co-Chairs, Hong Kim Duong (Old Dominion University) and Chuong Do (University of Nevada, Reno) with the support of their track chairs: Huichi Huang (North Dakota State University), Michael Neel (University of North Texas), Rachna Prakash (University of Mississippi), and Aaron Yoon (Northwestern University), put together an excellent program. Program highlights included our plenary panel discussing international auditing standard setting, the JIAR plenary session, four additional panel sessions, two speakers, and over 50 papers presented during the concurrent sessions. The Ph.D./New Scholars Consortium, organized and run by Linda Myers (University of Tennessee), was also a great success with 40 Ph.D. student and junior faculty participants and 15 faculty leaders.

Special thanks to Betsy Gordon (Temple University) for coordinating and moderating our Plenary panel on the 28th discussing the contributions that academic research can make to the development of Auditing Standards, and to Steve Lin (University of Memphis) for putting together another excellent JIAR Plenary session on the 29th. Thanks also to Paul Munter (U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission) and Mark Dawkins (AAA President-Elect, University of North Florida) for enlightening and engaging discussions.

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the 2022 Midyear Meeting Outstanding Paper Awards:

- Rebecca Hahn (University of Maryland – College Park), Heedong Kim (CUNY, Baruch College), SeungJun Kim (University of California, Merced), and Viktoriya Zotova (Georgetown University), “*Foreign Direct Investment, Outsourcing Investor Protection and the Role of Information Quality*”
- Ahrum Choi (Hong Kong Baptist University), Jeong-Bon Kim (City University of Hong Kong), Jay Junghun Lee (University of Massachusetts – Boston), and Jong Chool Park (University of South Florida), “*Market for Corporate Control, Auditor Selection, and Audit Fees: Evidence from International M&A Laws*”

- Tao Chen (Nanyang Technological University), Jimmy Chengyuan Qu (Nanyang Technological University), “*Competition Laws and Earnings Management: International Evidence.*”

Congratulations also to the winners of the 2022 Midyear Meeting Outstanding Reviewer Awards:

- Jeh-Hyun Cho (The University of Scranton)
- David Godsell (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
- Mirna Boghossian (University of Delaware)
- Maria Rykaczewski (Arizona State University)
- Jay Lee (University of Massachusetts – Boston)

Finally, congratulations to Keishi Fujiyama (Kobe University) for winning the Public Interest Section’s award for the best public interest paper at the International Section Midyear Meeting for his paper, “*Asset Impairment Accounting Decisions and Employee Downsizing in Japan*”.

THANK YOU to everyone who served as a reviewer, moderator, discussant, or panelist during the meeting. The commitment of our section members always amazes me, and it is only due to the generous contribution of your time and effort that we were able to have such a great meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Please remember to:

- Nominate your colleagues for our Section awards: Outstanding International Dissertation Award, Ian Hauge International Accounting Outstanding Service Award, and the Outstanding International Accounting Educator Award. The calls have gone out and the deadline for all award nominations is March 1st, 2022.
- Mark your calendar for the Ninth International Conference of the *Journal of International Accounting Research*, June 22nd-24th.
- Volunteer to serve as a discussant or moderator at the 2022 AAA Annual Meeting (if you have not already). You can volunteer online, or by sending an email to me or either of our Annual Meeting Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Gutierrez (Universidad De Chile) and Jay Lee (University of Massachusetts – Boston).
- Respond to the call for 2022-2023 IAS committee volunteers that you will soon be receiving.

Please also keep an eye out for the twice monthly section emails to find out about additional upcoming section activities. I look forward to seeing you all at IAS research webinars, the JIAR Conference, and the Annual Meeting in San Diego July 29th-August 3rd and virtually August 11th-August 12th.

Sincerely,

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