AAFA seeks to bring together academics, graduate students and practitioners from the different parts of the continent and the rest of the accounting and finance community worldwide.

We look forward to seeing you at the 5th Conference in Mauritius (2nd-4th September 2015).

2014 Conference - The 4th African Accounting and Finance Conference (AAFC 2014), hosted by the University of Stellenbosch, took place from September 3-5, 2014 at the Lord Charles Hotel, Cape Town South Africa. The conference was attended by over 100 delegates. The main conference was preceded by an emerging scholar colloquium at the University of Cape Town (UCT). At the conference, the keynote address, delivered by Professor Katherine Schipper, was followed by a panel discussion on the academic-practitioner divide, moderated by Professor Lesley Stainbank. Panellists were: Professors Donna Street, Keryn Chalmers (IAAER), Professor Enrico Uliana (UCT); Ms. Faith Ngwenya (PAFA) and Mr. Anthony Nzom, FCNA (ANAN). Special guests included Professor Stan du Plessis (Stellenbosch University) and Mr Herman Mashaba, (Lephatsi: Investments Ltd).

Over the two-day period, research presentations were made by academics from all over Africa, as well as USA, UK, Iran and India; on topics including: auditing, ethics, financial management and corporate social responsibility. AAFC 2014 was sponsored by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), Emerald Publishing, South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA), South African Accounting Association (SAAA), Lexis Nexis and Kaplan Publishing. The conference was supported by the International Association of Accounting Education and Research (IAAER). Click for more pictures of AAFC 2014: http://bit.ly/1sxGlEw

Research Development Events in 2014
Strathmore University collaborated with AAFA and CIMA to produce a Research Development Workshop in Accounting, Finance & Business Management. This workshop took place on April 11, 2014 at Strathmore University, Kenya and was well patronised by PhD students of Strathmore Business School.
The UGBS-AAFA PhD colloquium, organised in conjunction with the University of Ghana Business School (UGBS) in July was also well attended by post-graduate students from all over Ghana. In addition to the main presentation sessions, selected students presented their work and received feedback from peers and senior academics.

Invitation to Submit toward Accredited Publication
Stellenbosch University is pleased to announce a special publication, edited by Dandre van der Merwe and Mariaan Roos, which seeks to publish peer reviewed papers as chapters to a book. The main source of manuscripts will be, but not limited to, the output from the AAFC 2014 and could cover any of the conference themes. Interested participants must confirm their interest and submit a 1-2 page abstract by January 15, 2015 to: roos@ma2.sun.ac.za or dandre@ma2.sun.ac.za

Congratulations to the winners of the 2014 Conference Best Paper Awards sponsored by Emerald
Accounting: Mr. Gospel Chukwu (The Effect of Mandatory IFRS Adoption on Earnings Smoothing and Value Relevance of Accounting Information: Evidence From Ghana, Nigeria And South Africa)
Finance: Mr. Kevin Barnard (Value and Size Investment Strategies during the Global Financial Crisis: Evidence from the South African Equity Market)
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Plenary and parallel sessions will be held on the first two days of the conference and a social event is scheduled for the third day of the conference.

Submission
The conference invites abstract submission (Max 500 words) / full papers from researchers and practitioners in the field of accounting and finance on. Guidelines and processes for submission may be found on:

- AAFA website: http://www.aafassociation.com/
- Conference website: http://sites.uom.ac.mu/aafa2015/?view=featured

Important dates and Deadlines
- Deadline for submission of abstracts (500 words): 20th April 2015 *
- Notification of acceptance of abstract: by 30th April 2015
- Deadline for submission of full papers: 15th June 2015
- Notification of acceptance of paper: by 30th June 2015
- Final formatting and revised (based on referee comments) paper due: 20th July 2015
- Deadline for early bird registration and payment: 31st July 2015
- Deadline for final online registration and payment: 19th August 2015
* Full papers can also be submitted at this stage.

Venue: Le Meridien Hotel, Balaclava, Mauritius

Emerging Scholar Colloquium
There will be a doctoral colloquium on the 1st September 2015 at the University of Mauritius. The purpose of the colloquium is to bring young researchers (Doctoral and MPhil Students) together to present their work-in-progress and receive feedback from leading researchers in the field and to network with their peers. The deadline for submission of manuscripts or abstracts (subject to the current stage of the PhD/MPhl) for this session is 15th June, 2015, with a subject line stating ‘AAFA 2015 Emerging Scholar Submission’.

Conference administrators
The conference will be hosted by University of Mauritius. The conference administrators are:

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UOM COMPETITIVE ACADEMIC CONFERENCE AWARD
We are delighted to announce a new initiative by the University of Mauritius to build access to accounting and finance research networks in Africa. The value of the award is up to a maximum of US$2,000 to cover the flight(s), local transport, accommodation, and conference-related expenses. We are now inviting full paper submissions for this competitive award. Further information is available at: http://sites.uom.ac.mu/aafa2015/index.php/conference-award

MUBS COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANT AWARD
Makerere University Business School (MUBS) is delighted to continue its partnership to build accounting and finance research capacity and capability in Africa. The value of the award is US$5,000. We are now inviting proposals for this award. Further information is available at: http://sites.uom.ac.mu/aafa2015/index.php/research-grant-award

Special Issue of the Journal of Accounting and Emerging Economies (JAEE)
Authors of selected conference papers will be invited to submit their work for consideration to the Journal of Accounting in Emerging Economies (JAEE). All invited manuscripts for the special issue will be peer-reviewed through the normal ‘blind’ review process of the journal.

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