

Report on the Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting and Economics Doctoral Consortium 2005

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The Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting and Economics Symposium was held this year at the prestigious Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhou. In addition, a Doctoral Consortium was organized to provide doctoral students the opportunity to gain exposure and meet top academics in the field.

The Organizing Committee of the APJAE Doctoral Consortium has received an unprecedented amount of positive feedback from students who felt that they benefited greatly from attending the Consortium. Students appreciated having access to well-established local and international scholars so willing to share their research findings, and ready to offer guidance and rigorous criticism essential for the improvement of scholarly works.

Forty doctoral students were registered for the Consortium and sixty others took part in many of the workshops offered. Owing to its growing popularity and structured schedule, registration for the Consortium was filled early on. Unregistered students were invited to attend the Consortium on a non-participating basis. Registered students came from universities in Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Sweden, Taiwan, and the United States.

The Consortium was inaugurated in the evening of Tuesday with opening remarks made by Dr. Xijia Su of the City University of Hong Kong. A buffet dinner was offered at the University campus.

The first day of the Consortium consisted of two sessions of presentations by scholars leading research in the fields of accounting and economics; and by discussions and student presentations. Professor Dan Simunic of the University of British Columbia presented a talk on "Economics Based Empirical Research in Auditing." Professor Eli Bartov of New York University reviewed "Management Compensation and Financial Accounting Research."

Dinner for registered students was served off campus at the Golden Coast Marine Club restaurant. Professor Ross Watts of the University of Rochester spoke at the dinner.

The second day of the Consortium followed the previous in structure. Professor Katherine Schipper of the Financial Accounting Standards Board talked about “Accounting Standard Setting and Financial Accounting Research.” Professor Jerold Zimmerman of the University of Rochester discussed “Management Accounting Research.” Students discussed topics and presented papers of their own.

Workshops were conducted in the evening, closing the Consortium with a buffet dinner served on campus for all registered participants.