Conference announcement and call for papers

Auditing and capital markets

A conference organized by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), Center for Economic Analysis in conjunction with the Journal of Accounting Research at George Washington University, Washington, DC.

Monday, October 27

Conference organizers: Luigi Zingales, University of Chicago and PCAOB, Christian Leuz, University of Chicago and PCAOB, and Patricia Ledesma, PCAOB

OVERVIEW

This conference aims to promote a better understanding of the importance of audits in capital markets. The goal is to consider the characteristics of an audit, audit firms and the structure of the audit market itself. This understanding, in turn, may inform the work of regulators.

TOPICS

The conference organizers encourage the submission of papers relating to all aspects of auditing of corporations, as well as the impact of regulation and oversight; papers may be theoretical, archival or experimental in nature. Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Role of audit in capital formation and economic growth
- Industrial organization of the audit industry
- Economic and social incentives in the audit profession
- Economic effects of auditing standards
- Impact of regulatory reforms in the European Union and the UK
- Effects of audit and financial reporting failures on financial markets
- Issues in the interactions between auditors, audit committees and management
- Proxies for audit quality and their potential usage and impact

SUBMISSION DETAILS

The organizers invite the submission of working papers by August 15, 2014.

Papers will be blind-reviewed by the Program Committee. Submissions to the conference are not considered submissions to Journal of Accounting Research (JAR). But, of course, papers can be separately submitted to JAR, in which case they enter the normal review process. Moreover, the JAR editors may solicit conference papers for publication in JAR. In such cases, the authors will be invited to submit their papers to JAR after the conference.
The PCAOB will reimburse presenters and discussants reasonable travel expenses and accommodations.

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Please send a PDF version of your paper, with a separate title page and abstract, by August 15, 2014 to CEA@pcaobus.org specifying "PCAOB/JAR Conference" in the subject line.

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CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be limited and by invitation only. Academics interested in receiving an invitation, please contact CEA@pcaobus.org.