

## **CDAF ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

During 2018, general meetings were held on 9<sup>th</sup> March and the 26<sup>th</sup> October. These meetings considered the new T-level qualifications and student retention and progression respectively. On both occasions, the professional accountancy bodies provided valuable updates on issues of relevance to CDAF members.

The annual CDAF conference was held on the 17-18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at the Double Tree Hilton, Kingston upon Hull. The main theme of the conference was degree apprenticeships, with both a university and employer perspective being discussed. The 2018 conference was well attended and positively received.

The CDAF Research Bursary scheme was relaunched during 2018 with awards of up to £3,000 being made available. The scheme attracted a high level of interest with five applications being received on a range of interesting research themes. Of these, three applications were awarded. As part of the conditions of the bursary, the successful applicants will be required to present at paper at a relevant BAFA regional, BAFA-SIG or the BAFA Annual Conference within 18 months of the receipt of the award. Candidates are also expected to submit a progress report within approximately 12 months of receiving a bursary.

During the year, on-going discussions with CPAF and the Accounting Education SIG were held to strengthen existing relationships. CDAF also jointly lobbied with the Accounting Education SIG for the creation of a new BAFA award: the BAFA Outstanding Contribution to Accounting Education Award. The first recipient of this award will be presented at the BAFA 2019 Annual Conference, University of Birmingham. CDAF looks forward to working more closely with both CPAF and the Accounting Education SIG in the future.

The Annual General Meeting took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018. An Extraordinary Annual General Meeting also took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018. During 2018, there were a number of significant changes to CDAF's Officers. A number of individuals retired: Firoozeh Ghaffari, Gillian Holmes, Rod Kelly, Rona O'Brien, and David Russell. CDAF Members and the Executive wish to express their warmest thanks and appreciation for the many years of service of those retiring from office. Particular thanks are extended to both Gillian Holmes and Rod Kelly for their significant contribution to CDAF over many years. In addition, a number of new appointments were made, including the post of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and various executive positions.

**Joan Ballantine, Chair, CDAF**  
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