

CDAF Annual Report for 2014

The year 2014 has been another successful year for CDAF. The financial report shows that in this year a surplus has accumulated, largely due to the delay in awarding bursaries. It is expected that this surplus will fall in the coming months, with the award of new and additional bursaries, and conference sponsorship, as we are aware of the need to reduce the overall balance.

The objectives for CDAF were successfully met during the year, the staff development workshops have continued, and are provided without fee. However, the executive believe that we should endeavour to increase attendance, and consequently will be varying the timings in 2015 to encourage this.

We part-sponsored a research methods workshop 29 April to 1st May 2014, alongside ICAEW and Governance, Risk and Accountability group at the University of Greenwich, which hosted the event. It was attended by 25 participants from 13 universities. The majority of participants were recently recruited members of staff in business schools with no research experience, although a few were in the early stages of doctoral study. The workshop was led by Mike Page and Laura Spira, and the keynote speaker was Professor Jane Broadbent. The support received from all at the University of Greenwich, especially Dr Lesley Catchpowle and Dr Julia Mundy, together with the events team, contributed greatly to the success of the workshop.

The number of subscriptions has increased during the year, and professional body representation has also increased substantially. We held a successful CDAF conference in York 8-9th May 2014 on the theme of student employability, with speakers from the Universities, professional bodies, and the private sector. The conference was very well attended. General meetings were held in February and October 2014, and we are very grateful to all of our professional bodies for providing venues and hospitality for General and Executive Meetings.

We worked together with CPAF and BAFA on a number of consultations (e.g. Sustainability Survey). We would like to thank all members of the Executive Committee for their hard work during the year and would also like to thank members who attend the General Meetings and Annual Conference for their excellent contribution to the activities of CDAF.

Gillian Holmes, Chair of CDAF

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