

## **CDAF Annual Report for 2015**

General meetings were held in February and October 2015, with speakers on developing professional competency in accountancy trainees, and an update on the sustainability survey undertaken by BAFA. We are very grateful to all of our professional bodies for providing venues and hospitality for General and Executive Meetings.

We held a successful CDAF conference in Durham, 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May, with a “leadership” theme. Speakers were drawn from the Universities, private industry and the armed forces, and provided a variety of perspectives on the challenges of leading Departments.

We collaborated with the HEA by holding a series of three focus groups of accounting and finance lecturers, and contributed to the resulting report “Teaching and Learning Issues in the Disciplines”.

We also hosted a discussion table at the HEA “Inspire” conference on teaching and learning in the social sciences, held on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> December 2015, in Manchester.

The CDAF bursary scheme was re-launched this year, and attracted a good response with some interesting research themes. Several bursaries were awarded in the summer, and a further tranche has been advertised with decision to be made in February 2016.

The workshops for aspiring Heads of Department have been postponed this year to work on a new format – it is proposed to re-launch these with a workshop attached to the conference programme in May 2016.

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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Executive Members:

Rona O’Brien, Firoozeh Ghaffari, Gillian Holmes, Rod Kelly, Ruth King, David Russell.