

CDAF ANNUAL REPORT 2019

During 2019, general meetings were held on 1st March and 25th October: the first meeting addressed the theme 'Technology in Teaching Accounting' while the second considered the 'Research Excellence Framework. 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 9-10th May 2019 at the Hilton Grosvenor Hotel, Glasgow. The main theme of the conference was 'Subject Level Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)'. Representatives from the Office for Students and AdvanceHE spoke at the conference in addition to presentations from a number of academic institutions. The 2019 conference was well attended and positively received.

A call for applications to the CDAF Research Bursary scheme was undertaken in the last quarter of 2019. In total, approximately £12,000 were made available to fund the bursary scheme. The scheme attracted a significantly high level of interest with thirteen applications received on a range of research themes. Of these, five 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 have taken place with the Accounting Education SIG to strengthen existing relationships. CDAF and the Accounting Education SIG jointly made two recommendations to BAFA for the 2019 BAFA Outstanding Contribution to Accounting Education Award. The winner of this award will be presented at the BAFA 2020 Annual Conference, University of Southampton. CDAF looks forward to working closely with both CPAF and the Accounting Education SIG in the future.

The Annual General Meeting took place on the 9th May 2019. During 2019, there were some changes to CDAF's Officers. Ewan Tracey resigned from the Committee - the Executive would like to express thanks to Ewan for his contribution to CDAF. Three new members were also appointed to the Executive: Professor Hafez Abdo (Nottingham University), Lisa Weaver (Warwick University) and Ian Crawford (University of Bath).

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