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35. Turkey Accounting Education Symposium *

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Abstract. In this study, the evaluation of the 35th Turkey Accounting Education Symposium held on 27 April – 1 May 2016 in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus will be mentioned.

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Conference Notes

3 5th Turkey Accounting Education Symposium was organized by İstanbul University – Faculty of Economics – Department of Business Administration, on 27 April – 1 May 2016 with the focus of accounting education, which was sponsored by JPA International Arkan & Ergin Audit, Tax, SAS Turkey (main sponsor), Union of Chambers of Certified Public Accountants Turkey - TURMOB (science sponsor), Fıratpen, İstanbul Chamber of Certified Public Accountants - ISMMMO, Logo and Sistem Global Consulting (silver sponsors). The symposium was held in Kaya Artemis Resort & Casino at Magusa, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

The main theme of the symposium was defined as “Financial Reporting in Changing World: Searching for the Ideal and Accounting Education”. The symposium was focus of accounting education and international financial reporting standards (IFRS). The aim of the symposium was to develop an understanding on the new trends in accounting education, to discuss new techniques in accounting education with IFRS and to discuss “Local Financial Reporting Framework Draft” which will be launched at the end of 2016. In addition to discuss problems, expectations and recommendations about financial reporting in Turkey.

260 participants from 38 different universities participated in the symposium. The symposium consisted of opening speeches, main theme speech, two panels, three sessions (8 papers), poster presentations (4 poster presentations), presentations (5 presentations) and workshop.

On 27th of April, the first day of the symposium started with welcome cocktail. On 28th of April, the second day of the symposium started with opening speeches whom Prof. Dursun Arıkboğa (Term Chairman of the Symposium), Nail Sanlı (Chairman of TURMOB), İmdat Ersoy (Vice Chairman of Public Oversight Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority - KGK), Prof. Beyhan Marşap

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(Chairman of Accounting Academicians' Research and Collaboration Foundation - AARCF), Prof. Ümit Gücenme Gençoğlu (Chairman of Association of Accounting and Finance Academicians - AAFA) and Prof. Mehmet Emin Arat (Rector of Marmara University – the host of the symposium to be held in 2017). This was followed by speech of keynote speaker, namely Mr. Jacques Potdevin (Chairman of JPA International and CEO) – trends and challenges of the accounting profession in the world. Topic of the first panel was “Financial Reporting in Turkey: Problems, Expectations and Recommendations”. Academic panel members were as follows: Göksel Yücel (İstanbul University), Prof. Hasan Kaval (Atılım University), Bikem Kanık (ERA Management Consulting), Mehmet Şirin (KGK Departments of Standards), Yücel Akdemir (TURMOB General Secretary) and Menteş Albayrak (TIDE Board of Directors). The second day of the symposium was completed with the first session that presented the two papers.

On 29th of April, the third day of the symposium started with the second session that presented the three papers. Then, poster presentations were presented by authors. Ali Kamil Uzun (Founding Chairman of The Institute of Internal Auditing Turkey - TIDE) made a presentation named “Due Diligence and Expectations on the Professional Academic Development”. After his presentation, the symposium continued with last session that presented the three papers.

On 30th of April, the fourth day of the symposium started with a presentation whom Prof. Ömer Lalik “A Philosophical Approach on Idealism / Realism Problematic in Financial Reporting”. Presentations made by three academicians about “Local Financial Reporting Framework Draft” and immediately after the presentations, panel was performed on the same topic. Workshop was held namely “Current Issues at Accounting Education: Findings and Recommendations”. Abdülkerim Daştan and Uğur Bellikli won TURMOB the best paper award. Their paper name was “Searching for the Ideal in Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards' Education: A Research in Turkey”. The symposium was fulfilled with closing and symposium transfer ceremony.

Finally, it would be useful to remind that 1st Turkey Accounting Education Symposium was performed in Marmaris, Turkey on 20-21 April 1979, with the theme of “How is Done Accounting Education in Turkey?”. Thirty-five symposiums were organized by hosted by various universities between the years 1979-2016. 36th Turkey Accounting Education Symposium will be organized by Marmara University – Faculty of Business Administration in 2017. The symposium aims to create a platform for raising the issues of changes, challenges and responsibility in the accounting education in Turkey. It is open to all academicians, practitioners, researchers, accountants and students across all accounting.



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