Dear colleagues, we are inviting you to participate in 9th International Scientific Conference ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE: TOWARDS SCIENCE AND BUSINESS INTEGRATION,

which will be held on 27-28th of November, 2014 in Aleksandras Stulginskis University (Kaunas r., Lithuania)

The conference is organised by

Institute of Economics, Accounting and Finance of Aleksandras Stulginskis University in cooperation with:

- Institute of Economics and Social Sciences of Estonian University of Life Sciences;
- Institute of Finance and Accounting of Latvia University of Agriculture;
- Kaunas Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts;
- Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service.

The conference is designed to discuss on accounting and finance research ideas and share research results that are relevant to business. Our goal is to identify innovative and appropriate business solutions, in order to increase the business competitiveness, efficiency, to promote small and medium-sized enterprises and public-private partnerships. You are kindly invited to participate and take advantage of the opportunity to present your unpublished scientific papers on the following topics:

- Accounting (Development of Accounting Research, Financial Accounting, Management Accounting, Accounting and Financial Reporting, Interface between Corporate Governance and Accounting, Public Sector Accounting, Accounting in Non Profit Organisations, Social Accounting, Accounting Information Technologies and Systems, Ethics of Accountants);
- **Business Finance** (Financial Analysis and Forecasting, Financial Management, Financial Econometrics, Investment Diversification, Financial Markets and Investment Environment, Impact of Globalization on Business finance, Financial Behaviour, Financial Services for Business, Business Taxation);
- *Audit* (External and Internal Audit, Audit Quality and Public Supervision, Effectiveness of Audit, Internal Control, other Forms of Control and their Interactions, Fraud Deterrence, Ethics of Auditors);
- *Education and Training in Accounting and Finance* (Formal and Informal Education, Distance Learning, Life-long Learning, Competence Evaluation).

Conference languages – English and Lithuanian.

Presentations – oral (till 10 minutes) and posters.

The papers will be double blind reviewed and published in the open access scientific journal "Science and Studies of Accounting and Finance: Problems and Perspectives" (http://www.asu.lt/apskaita/lt/47280) indexed in international database Business Source Complete (EBSCO Peer-Reviewed) – http://search.ebscohost.com.

Important dates:

Registration and paper submission -15^{th} of September, 2014; Notification on acceptance -10^{th} of October, 2014; Upload of the final versions of accepted papers -31^{st} of October, 2014; Deadline for payment of participation fee -14^{th} of November, 2014.

Registration and papers submission only on-line via website of the conference: afk.asu.lt

Participation fee (for two days) - **70 EUR** (if it is paid till 31st of October, 2014), - **90 EUR** (if it is paid after 31st of October, 2014).

Participation fee (for one day) - **60 EUR** (if it is paid till 31st of October, 2014),

- **80 EUR** (if it is paid after 31st of October, 2014).

Participation fee

- 30 EUR (for participants without article and for accompanying persons).

This fee covers conference materials (programme and memory stick with journal), coffee breaks, lunch and participation in welcome dinner. The costs for arrival to Aleksandras Stulginskis University and accommodation should be covered by the participants.

Preliminary programme

27th of November, 2014 (Thursday):

10:00 – 12:00 Welcome word and plenary session with presentations of 2 or 3 invited speakers;

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch:

13:00 - 15:00 Sessions in sections;

15:30 – 17:30 Posters presentation and seminars for representatives of business and consulting institutions;

18:00 – 22:00 Assessment of the conference results.

28th of November, 2014 (Friday):

9:00 – 18:00 Social programme and participation in discussion on advantages and disadvantages of software tools used for accounting data processing in Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service (Dotnuva, Kėdainiai r.).

Requirements for papers preparation:

- **1.**Language Lithuanian or English.
- 2.Size no less than 4 and no more than 16 pages (A4 format).
- 3. Structure: Title, authors first name(s) and family name(s), title(s) of author(s) institution(s), annotation (short description of research, including 3 5 key words at the end), introduction (relevance, object, purpose and tasks of research), methods of research, results of research, discussions and/or conclusions, list of references, summary in English (at least 1000 symbols) and data about the author(s).

4. Requirements for the papers text preparation:

- Text editor Microsoft Word (version Word'2003 or later), Font Times New Roman;
- Margins: top and bottom 20 mm, left 35 mm, right 15 mm; pages not numbered;
- Title of article 14 pt, Bold, capital letters, centred;
- Author's first name and family name 12 pt, Bold, centred;
- Title of Institution 10 pt, Italic, centred;
- Titles of chapters 10 pt, Bold, aligned to the left. Titles "List of References" and "Summary" 8 pt, Bold, aligned to the left. Before and after each chapter title single space interval;
- Text single line spaced 10 pt, Normal, aligned to the left and right;
- List of references should be made according to the bibliography requirements which will be presented on website of the conference.
- Text of Annotation, References and Summary 8 pt, Normal, aligned to the left and right; List of references should be made according to the bibliography requirements;
- Text indentation in the first line of each chapter -12,7 mm;
- Main symbols of the formulae 10 pt, Italic; their indexes 8 pt, Italic; formulae should be centred and numbered in Arabic numerals in parentheses on the right; before and after formulae single space interval:
- Titles of tables, graphics and drafts 9 pt, Bold, centred; before and after tables, graphics and drafts single space interval;
- Text in the tables and notes under tables, graphics and drafts 9 pt, Normal, aligned to the left;
- the article should be written in clear English and ensure the style is appropriate for an academic journal.
- **5.** Graphics and drafts should be made in Microsoft Excel (version Excel'2003 or later).
- **6.Data about the author(s):** first name and family name 9 pt, Bold, scientific degree and academic title (specifying scientific field and branch), fields of research interests, title of institution, post and e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers and other important data at author's discretion in article's and English language 9 pt, Normal.

Papers submission:

The authors should have to upload their papers into website of the conference. One author may submit up to 2 articles.

Papers reviewing and publishing:

Presented papers will be double blind reviewed by two reviewers, appointed by Scientific Committee. In case reviewers will provide some remarks and scientific committee will conclude that the quality of the article could be improved till necessary level without essential changes, the author(s) should have to improve it in appointed period of time. The papers should be published only in case they will be uploaded in time after correction, will be qualified as fully acceptable by scientific committee and till 14 th of November will be received the payment of participation fee.

More detail information about arrival and accommodation possibilities, members of scientific and organising committee and other important information will be presented on website of the conference: afk.asu.lt/

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