

## Introduction

The Asian Pacific Conference on International Accounting Issues was initiated in October 1989 by Drs. Ali A. Peyvandi and Benjamin Y. Tai, Professors of Accountancy at the Craig School of Business, California State University, Fresno. The primary objective of the conference is to provide an important forum for academics and practitioners to enhance the understanding of international accounting issues in various Asian Pacific countries. Since its inception the conference has made substantial progress in terms of participants and international reputation. At present, the conference is one of the most respected and renowned accounting conferences in the world.

The first conference was held in Fresno, California in 1989 and attracted 150 scholars and practitioners from 96 institutions and 17 countries to participate, discuss, and share their experiences in harmonizing international accounting practices in the Asian Pacific region. Academic research papers – as well as practical hands-on workshops – were presented and discussed and ideas were exchanged. Due to its overwhelmingly positive reception, the Conference has grown and matured in the ensuing years. Key statistics are summarized as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of Participants</u>	<u>No. of Countries</u>	<u>No. of Papers</u>	<u>Main Co-Sponsors</u>
1989	Fresno, CA U.S.A.	150	17	67	None
1990	Vancouver, Canada	220	26	93	CGA Canada
1991	Honolulu, U.S.A.	250	30	126	University of Hawaii at Manoa U.S.A.
1992	Dunedin, New Zealand	250	31	118	University of Otago New Zealand
1993	Mexico City, Mexico	400	35	102	Instituto Politecnico Nacional Mexico
1994	Taipei, Taiwan	500	36	117	National Taiwan University, Taiwan National Federation of CPAs Associations of Republic of China
1995	Seoul, Korea	400	36	111	Yonsei University Korea
1996	Vancouver, Canada	300	32	118	CGA Canada
1997	Bangkok, Thailand	420	33	118	Chulalongkorn University Thailand
1998	Maui, U.S.A.	435	35	120	University of Hawaii at Manoa U.S.A.

1999	Melbourne, Australia	420	40	140	RMIT University Australia
2000	Beijing, China	400	40	140	Peking University China
2001	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	400	50	150	University of Sao Paulo Brazil
2002	Los Angeles U.S.A.	400	30	180	California State University, Northridge Claremont McKenna College U.S.A.
2003	Bangkok, Thailand	300	30	140	Chulalongkorn University Thailand
2004	Seoul, Korea	320	33	130	Yonsei University Korea
2005	Wellington, New Zealand	355	30	230	Victoria University of Wellington New Zealand
2006	Maui, Hawaii U.S.A.	350	31	205	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, U.S.A. California State University, Northridge, U.S.A.
2007	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	365	25	179	University of Malaya Malaysia
2008	Paris, France	300	39	208	California State University, San Bernardino, U.S.A. Burgundy School of Business, Groupe ESC Dijon, Bourgogne, France University of California, Riverside, U.S.A. Ecole Supérieure du Commerce Extérieur, Groupe ESCE, France
2009	Las Vegas, U.S.A.	240	37	143	University of Las Vegas, Nevada U.S.A.
2010	Gold Coast, Australia	175	35	135	Bond University Australia
2011	Beijing, China	296	25	156	Beijing Technology and Business University China
2012	Maui, Hawaii U.S.A.	381	36	215	Craig School of Business California State University U.S.A.

2013	Bali, Indonesia	383	29	218	Universitas Indonesia Indonesia
2014	Taipei Taiwan	353	23	224	National Taipei University, Taiwan Taiwan Accounting Association, Taiwan
2015	Gold Coast, Australia	211	25	178	Bond University Australia
2016	Maui, Hawaii U.S.A.	200	20	191	Craig School of Business California State University U.S. A
2017	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	209	41	137	UNITAR International University Malaysia
2018	San Francisco, U.S.A.	114	21	111	None
2019	Warsaw, Poland	--	--	--	SGH Warsaw School of Economic Warsaw, Poland