CALL FOR PAPERS

Journal of Business Finance and Accounting

CAPITAL MARKETS CONFERENCE

Sunday 17th – Tuesday 19th May 2009

San Servolo Servizi Srl, Isola di San Servolo, Venice, Italy

The editors of JBFA are delighted to announce that the 17th Capital Markets Conference will be held on the beautiful Isola di San Servolo in Venice, Italy. The conference will start with a reception on the Sunday evening and will conclude on Tuesday afternoon.

The conference will focus on capital markets research in the interrelated areas of corporate accounting, finance and governance. In addition to conventional original research contributions, the editors also wish to encourage the submission of papers that focus on evaluating research methods in these areas and contribute to the development of new modeling techniques.

Original research contributions could address a wide variety of research questions including, but not restricted to, the following areas:

- Economic theories of accounting and accounting-based valuation models
- Determinants and capital market consequences of earnings quality and earnings management
- Corporate financial communication beyond financial statements
- Corporate governance, ownership and control, and management incentives theory and evidence
- Corporate financial decision-making (e.g. capital structure, dividend policy and investment appraisal)
- Asset pricing: theory and evidence
- Investment analysis, earnings forecasts, and valuation practices
- Portfolio management, and portfolio performance evaluation

Original papers to be considered for the conference should be submitted strictly <u>no later than</u> <u>Friday 12th December 2008</u>, and preferably earlier. Submissions to the conference will be treated as submissions to the *Journal of Business Finance and Accounting*, and should not be under review with any other journal. All papers will be refereed and decisions on accepted papers will be notified to authors in mid-March 2008. Subject to satisfactory revision, accepted conference papers will be published in a Special Issue of *JBFA* in 2010. Accommodation for the Sunday and Monday nights will be provided by *JBFA* for one author of each selected paper (with the possibility of more than one co-author being invited subject to room availability). Conference participants will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

Competition for places at the conference is normally high. In the interest of a balanced conference program, some papers may be accepted, subject to revision, for later publication in *JBFA*, but not for presentation at the conference.

Manuscripts should be submitted *via* the JBFA electronic editorial office at <u>http://services.bepress.com/jbfa</u>. A submission fee of \$150 is required, payable by credit card. Please indicate that the paper is a conference submission by selecting the appropriate option during the submission process. For general information concerning *JBFA*, including the Editorial Board, please visit <u>http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/jbfa</u>.