

Welcome to the 2014 edition of the Mid-South Doctoral Consortium! It's almost here!

Faculty and doctoral students of the University of Memphis, University of Mississippi, and Mississippi State University have convened once a year for nearly a decade to trade research ideas and hear thoughtful commentary. The event benefits faculty and doctoral students as they improve their understanding of original research, see trends developing in research and business, and develop closer relationships with regional friends and faculty.

This year, we meet on Friday, February 14 from 9:30 am to 4:15pm in McCool Hall on the campus of Mississippi State University. The schedule will include Paul Munter as the keynote speaker on Friday morning and paper presentations from each school. Paul Munter is well known to accounting faculty and a brief biography of Paul is included as a reminder of why he has acquired esteemed status among professionals and academics.

So we can plan for your visit, please let your school's coordinating faculty know that you are attending:

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Paul Munter

Spanning academic and professional fields with an interest in international accounting, Paul Munter was KPMG Professor at the University of Miami, then Academic Fellow in the Office of the Chief Accountant at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) where he worked on many of the Commission's Sarbanes-Oxley initiatives and rule-making activities, and now he is a partner in KPMG's Department of Professional Practice.

Paul serves as the lead technical partner for the US firm's international accounting and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) activities and also serves on KPMG's Global IFRS Panel which is responsible for establishing KPMG positions on the application of IFRS.

He also is involved in the development of the firm positions in response to proposals from the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), SEC and other standard setters as well as the development of the firm's guidance and publications including Comparison of IFRS to US GAAP and First Impressions: Business Combinations (joint IASB/FASB project).

Paul is in demand, frequently speaking at conferences ranging across academic, professional, and business areas. A small set of recent activities would include American Institute of Certified Public Accountant national conferences, Financial Executives International annual conference, and American Accounting Association meetings. Dr. Munter has published extensively in the accounting literature having co-authored five books and monographs and over 200 articles and technical papers primarily on financial accounting and auditing matters in journals such as *Journal of Accountancy*, *CPA Journal*, *Management Accounting*, *Accounting Review*, *Behavioral Research in Accounting*, and *Practical Accountant*. Dr. Munter was honored by the Texas Society of CPAs as its first "Outstanding Discussion Leader."