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BEIRUT- The Worldwide Alumni Association of the American University of Beirut (WAAAUB) Board of Directors honored HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) with the prestigious WAAAUB Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2016 during the Association’s Reunion Honoring Ceremony held at AUB Assembly Hall.

The WAAAUB Committee for Awards granted Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh the Award for his outstanding worldwide stature and professional attainment in the field of “Business and Entrepreneurship” as well as his many contributions to professional and education services, corporate and social responsibility and patronage of many valuable civil initiatives which deserve the recognition and pride by AUB Alumni.

During the ceremony, AUB President Dr. Fadlo Khuri said: “HE Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh has typified the AUB tradition of excellence and brought credit to the University by his professional achievement, personal accomplishment and philanthropic service.”

Upon receiving the Award, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh expressed his pride in receiving the Award saying: “I am greatly humbled and honored to be receiving this award. I would like to offer my sincerest gratitude to the Board and Committee for this acknowledgement; the AUB has always been a powerhouse in driving the change in the world of education and as a graduate from this great institution which I owe a lot to its futuristic and dedication to education, I say ‘thank you!’”

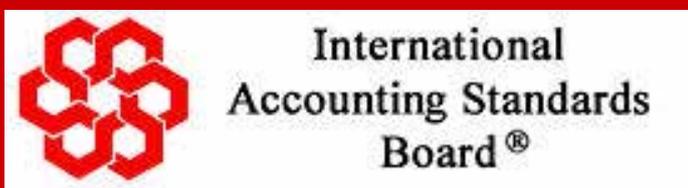
Established in 2006, the WAAAUB Alumni Awards Program aims to recognize the excellence and achievements of AUB alumni worldwide and increase awareness about their accomplishments to foster the prestige and profile of AUB worldwide.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh's pioneering work has been recognized by the United Nations with whom he became chairman of 14 UN boards and initiatives including: Digital Technologies for Sustainable Urbanization Network, Global Alliance for ICT and Development, UN Global Compact, UN Information and Communication Technologies Task Force, Advisory Committee on Internet Governance, and UN Committee of Experts on Professional Qualifications Standards, as well as boards of all international accounting bodies.

His many personal honors include 'Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur', Decoration of Independence of Jordan and 40 other decorations and awards, as well as five Honorary Doctorate Degrees. Member of the WTO Panel on Defining the Future of Trade, Senator at the Jordanian Upper House, and most recently the Order of Independence of the First Order from Jordan's King Abdullah II.

He is a Patron for Walid Gholmieh Symphonies, Lebanese National Symphony Orchestra and Chair of Jordanian National Orchestra Association; Chair of the globally leading Intellectual Property Rights company, as well as over 30 other chairmanships.

International Accounting Standards Board proposes narrow-scope amendments to IFRS 3 and IFRS 11



LONDON - The International Accounting Standards Board (the Board) today published for public consultation proposed amendments to IFRS 3 Business Combinations and IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements. It clarifies both the definition of a business and how to account for previously held interests.

The proposed amendments provide:

- clearer application guidance to help distinguish between a business and a group of assets when applying IFRS 3; and
- clarification on how a company should account for previously held interest in a business, if acquiring control, or joint control, of that business.

The proposed amended application guidance on the definition of a business in IFRS 3 arises from the Board's Post-implementation Review (PIR) process, which is conducted on each Standard and major amendment approximately two years after their effective dates. The IFRS 3 PIR shows general support for the accounting requirements in the Standard but identifies some areas where further research will be undertaken. The full PIR of IFRS 3 is **available here**.

The proposed amendment to accounting for previously held interests was developed through the IFRS Interpretations Committee.

Further information about the Exposure Draft—Definition of a Business and Accounting for Previously Held Interests (Proposed Amendments to IFRS 3 and IFRS 11)—can be accessed [here](#). The deadline for comments is the 31st of October 2016.

IACPA Examination Results –May 2016 23% Success Rate

AMMAN - The International Arab Society of Certified Accountants (IASCA) announced the Examination Results of the International Arab Certified Public Accountant (IACPA)-May 2016 cycle.

A significant number of students sat for the IACPA exams from around the Arab world, out of them 23% of students successfully passed the exams.

It is worthy to mention that the International Arab Society of Certified Accountants (IASCA) has started to apply the system of holding the

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IACPA examinations twice a year as from 2015, under which two cycles are held in June and December.

IASCA Management congratulates the successful students and wishes success in the next cycle to those who did not pass the exams.

The Center for Audit Quality (CAQ) Demonstrated its Continued Support for Independent Auditing-related Research with the Selection of Two New Academic Research Proposals for Funding



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WASHINGTON - In response to a request for proposals (RFP) issued last November, academics from around the world submitted proposals that addressed topics such as Data Analytics, Audits of ICFR, Auditing Accounting Estimates and Fair Value Measurements, Audit Quality Indicators, Audit Committee Effectiveness, Corporate Sustainability Reporting, Professional Skepticism, and other research topics of interest to the CAQ.

The CAQ's Research Advisory Board (RAB), comprising members from academia and the auditing profession,

selected the following projects to receive funding:

- Are Auditors' Judgments Adversely Affected by the Money Illusion? Patrick Hopkins, Spencer Anderson, Lori Shefchik Bhaskar, and Leslie Hodder, all from Indiana University.
- Is Audit Firm Commitment to Work-Life Balance Reflected in Supervisor Perceptions and Decisions Impacting Subordinate Career Progression? Mary Sasmaz, Case Western Reserve University.

"The CAQ recognizes the importance of independent research to the profession and we are pleased to support these researchers as they embark on their projects," said CAQ Executive Director Cindy Fornelli. "The RAB has done a commendable job of conducting a thorough review and identifying outstanding projects to support."

This is the eighth year that the CAQ has funded scholarly academic research. Since 2009, the CAQ has provided 30 grants to fund academic research.

IFRS Foundation appoints new members to the SME Implementation Group



LONDON - The IFRS Foundation today announced the appointment of 11 new members to the Small and Medium-sized Entities Implementation Group (SMEIG), effective 1st of July 2016.

The SMEIG is an advisory body to the International Accounting Standard Board (the Board). Its mission is to support the international adoption of the IFRS for SMEs® Standard and to monitor its implementation.

The SMEIG's two main responsibilities are:

1. To consider implementation issues raised by small and medium-sized entities (SMEs) and other interested parties and develop proposed guidance in the form of non-mandatory questions and answers (Q&As); and
2. To consider issues and make recommendations to the Board on the need to amend the IFRS for SMEs Standard.

The SMEIG was set up in 2010 by the Trustees of the IFRS Foundation following a public call for nominations. On 30th of June 2016, the third and final term of 10 of the 26 existing SMEIG members will come to an end. With effect from 1st of July 2016, 11 new members have been appointed for a three-year term. The other 16 SMEIG members are part way through their first term.

The new appointments were made by reference to the qualifications of the individual applicants and the desire to achieve a professional and geographical balance in the SMEIG's membership.

Membership of the SMEIG is personal; this means that members participate and vote in accordance with their own independent views, not as representatives voting in accordance with the views of their associated firm, organization or constituency.

New appointments to the SMEIG:

Name	Country	Affiliation
Ago Vilu	Estonia	Country Managing Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers
Bee Leng Tan	Malaysia	Executive Director, Malaysian Accounting Standards Board
Carlos Manuel Llobet San Nicolás	Venezuela	Partner, Llobet, Lugo & Asociados
Daniel Sarmiento Pavas	Columbia	Consejero, Consejo Técnico de la contaduría pública
Kelly Wayne Karmazin	United States of America	Partner, Seim Johnson LLP
Marta Cristina Pelucio Grecco	Brazil	Managing Partner, Praesum International Accounting
Paul Thompson	Global	Director, Global Accountancy Profession Support, International Federation of Accountants
Rakesh Latchana	Guyana	Partner, Ram & McRae
Raymond Betserayi Chamboko	Zimbabwe and South Africa	Director and Head of Advisory, W Technical Consulting SA
Ulla Stenfors	Sweden	Accounting Expert, Swedish Accounting Standards Board
Wayne Robert Twigg	South Africa	Managing Member, Twigg

A full list of the SMEIG members can be **found here**.

BREXIT: Uncertainty Abounds; IFAC Recognizes Challenges Ahead, Renews Calls For Global Cooperation To Support Strong, Sustainable Global Economy



NEW YORK – The decision on the UK referendum on Europe caught many by surprise; capital markets have reacted negatively, and we can expect them to continue to reflect uncertainty in the short term.

The withdrawal process could be a long and complex one, spanning a number of years, and the knock-on effect in Europe is hard to predict.

“Clearly, the UK, Europe, and many other parts of the world will be operating in a period of considerable uncertainty. The accountancy profession will have an important role to play in the myriad issues that will need to be addressed,” said Fayeuz Choudhury, IFAC Chief Executive Officer.

IFAC recognizes that the effects of these issues will be pervasive:

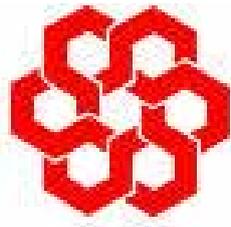
- for companies addressing short-term risks and thinking

through their longer-term plans;

- for regulators as they overlay the implications of recent developments on an already complex and fragmented regulatory environment;
- for capital markets as they seek to regain stability and an orderly process; and
- for governments as they realign public policies, particularly in significantly affected areas, such as taxation.

IFAC has consistently advocated for the importance of global cooperation and coordination, and of the need for governments to work together to support a strong, sustainable global economy. Regulatory cooperation and consistency, enhanced public sector financial management and transparency, the adoption and use of globally accepted, high-quality standards, and commitments to work together to address taxation matters are fundamental to finding solutions and outcomes that benefit all of society.

“IFAC has always stressed that governments, businesses, and the regulatory community across the globe must work together, cooperatively, to respond to the challenges being faced by our interconnected financial markets and economies,” said Mr. Choudhury. “Brexit makes this collaborative approach all the more vital, and the global accountancy profession must be engaged in bringing its experience and expertise to bear in many of the areas where work will be needed.”



International Accounting Standards Board®

LONDON - The International Accounting Standards Board (the Board) today issued amendments to IFRS 2 Share-based Payment, clarifying how to account for certain types of share-based payment transactions.

The amendments, which were developed through the IFRS Interpretations Committee, provide requirements on the accounting for:

1. the effects of vesting and non-vesting conditions on the measurement of cash-settled share-based payments;
2. share-based payment transactions with a net settlement feature for withholding tax obligations; and

3. a modification to the terms and conditions of a share-based payment that changes the classification of the transaction from cash-settled to equity-settled.

Companies are required to apply the amendments for annual periods beginning on or after the 1st of January, 2018. Earlier application is permitted.

Further information about the amendments—Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions (Amendments to IFRS 2)—can **be accessed here.**



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