

**European Accounting Association 31<sup>st</sup> annual congress  
Rotterdam, April 2008**

**Venue: Erasmus University Rotterdam  
Erasmus Expo and Congress Centre  
Burgemeester Oudlaan 50  
3062 PA Rotterdam**

**Symposiums with ICAEW involvement**

The ICAEW is participating in two symposiums at the forthcoming EAA annual congress in Rotterdam, with the ICAEW's executive technical director, Robert Hodgkinson, speaking at both. We hope to welcome a large audience to these symposiums so please put them in your diary. Full details are as follows:

**Thursday April 24**

**14.00 – 15.30**

Oxford Room

**EAR Symposium: Measurement issues in financial reporting**

Co-chairs Marco Trombetta and Katherine Schipper

Speakers Robert Hodgkinson, Mary Barth and Alfred Wagenhofer

Measurement issues are more timely than ever in light of recent changes in financial reporting, including the increasingly widespread adoption of IFRS, the increasing use of fair value measurements for financial reporting, including optional uses (as in IAS 39 and SFAS 159) and the inclusion of measurement issues as Phase C in the joint IASB-FASB conceptual framework project. The symposium will explore these issues by combining a standards setters and an academic perspective. The symposium is linked to a special section of the European Accounting Review on the same theme.

**Friday April 25**

**14.00 – 15.30**

Oxford Room

**ICAEW Symposium: Who controls and disciplines the firm: politicians, regulators, pyramids, markets?**

Chair Peter Pope

Speakers Robert Hodgkinson, Robert Bushman, TJ Wong, Douglas DeJong

Internationally there is an immense array of firm organizations eg privately held, widely held, state controlled, major blockholder controlled only, pyramids. Each presents unique agency problems and as a consequence challenges for minority shareholders, debtholders and regulators. With the globalization of production, financing and reporting, the panel investigates these organizational forms, their performance and their influence.