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Editorial

This Special Issue of *Accounting and Business Research* marks the beginning of what we hope will be an exciting new venture for the accounting community. In collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, *ABR* is delighted to present the first issue of the *International Accounting Policy Forum (IAPF)*. The issue contains the 2005 PD Leake Lecture, together with the papers presented at the 2005 Information for Better Markets conference. The papers are intended to make accessible to a wide business audience key research findings on the value of accounting information. It is the sincere hope of the editors and the Institute that this will facilitate better communication between the research community, the accounting profession, company managers, regulators and all other parties interested in promoting the efficient and fair working of the capital markets and in improving the management and governance of business. It was this hope that led the Institute to establish *ABR* over 30 years ago. Bridging the gap between academia and the profession has proved harder than the founders envisaged. *IAPF* is explicitly charged with this mission. If the contents of the first issue are any guide, the prospects look exceedingly good.

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