



Prof Andreas Bergmann

In conjunction with the visit to New Zealand of Professor Andreas Bergmann, the new Chair of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB), the Centre for Accounting, Governance and Taxation Research cordially invites you to attend a Conference to discuss:

## Is it time for IPSAS?

Tuesday, 23 February 2010

Responding in part to a report by the former Auditor-General, the Accounting Standards Review Board (ASRB) has tentatively proposed adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) for public sector entities. The ASRB has concerns about IPSASB governance and resourcing and others are not yet persuaded that the time is right to adopt sector-specific standards.

This conference will put IPSAS under the spotlight and provide an opportunity to hear different views and debate whether it is time for New Zealand to adopt IPSAS.

### Outline Programme:

- 1.30 pm – Welcome, *Kevin Holmes, Professor of Accounting, VUW, Conference Chair*
- 1.45 pm – IPSAS: The Big Question, *Kevin Simpkins, Adjunct Professor of Accounting, VUW, and Chair ASRB*
- 2.00 pm – What IPSAS can offer New Zealand, *Andreas Bergmann, Professor of Management/Public Management, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Chair IPSASB*
- 3.00 pm – Afternoon tea
- 3.30 pm – IPSAS: Pros and Cons for New Zealand, *Kimberley Crook, Partner, Ernst & Young, and member FRSB*
- 4.00 pm – Panel Discussion and Questions,  
*Andreas Bergmann*  
*Kimberley Crook*  
*Lyn Provost, Controller and Auditor-General*  
*Ken Warren, Chief Accounting Adviser, The Treasury, and member IPSASB and ASRB*
- 5.00 pm – Refreshments

### When:

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### Venue:

Lecture Theatre 2,  
Rutherford House,  
Victoria University of  
Wellington

This is a free conference.  
For catering purposes  
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only) by Thursday,  
18 February 2010 to  
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