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Plenary Lecture 1

Linkage of Financial Performance Analysis to Revaluation Models within Accounting Information Systems

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Abstract: Aspects related to identifying the most appropriate manner to account for assets and liabilities within the balance sheet, but also for changes appearing in relation to the valuation being used, have been one of the main preoccupations in financial reporting starting with the development of balance sheet oriented financial statements in the 19th century and the emergence of the income or profit and loss statement in the 20th century (Gwilliam and Jackson, 2008). Although a series of measurement basis were considered over time in terms of measurement for financial reporting, we can for sure say that the historical cost based approach represented the dominant paradigm for a significant period of time and for most of the accounting systems.

The 20th century brought the development of a significant number of researches dealing with identifying the most appropriate manner of measuring assets. In terms of papers that might be considered as benchmark in this area we must mention that of Baxter (1967) and Bonbright (1965). Similar preoccupations were related to identifying the most appropriate manner in which financial performance should be measured, starting with studies such as Chambers (1966), Edwards and Bell (1961) and Patton (1922). In parallel with these developments, but in some ways separate, an older tradition of economic literature, being focused on aspects related to valuation and results, and having started with Ricardo’s and some other classic economists writings also continued to develop. On the other hand, economists such as Fisher (1906), Hicks (1946) and Lindahl (1933) already had preoccupations directly linked with establishing ways for periodically determining the result through a calculation framework of current values of future cash flows that were associated to assets and liabilities.

For the performance analysis there were tested following measurement models: (i) cost model, (ii) fair value model (with effect to P/L and with effect on OCI). The most sensitive ratio on cost model seems to be EPS (the effect is proportional). Cost model does not allow the revaluation on higher values, therefore it is clearly seen, that there is any effect on revaluation higher than 0 % from the initial costs.

The most sensitive ratio on Fair Value through Profit/Loss is EPS, however this sensitivity is under-proportional. The less sensitive seems to be ROE.

The most sensitive ratio on this revaluation model is ROE (higher values than initial costs have negative under-proportional effect on profitability ratios given by the higher value of revaluation fund). However this revaluation model has any effect on EPS. These revaluation methods do not have any effect on Earnings per Share.

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Plenary Lecture 2

Quality and Compliance of Information Disclosure from Financial Statements

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Abstract: Present economic vulnerabilities have called in question the quality of financial information produced by accountancy, their usability underwritten by the requirements of quality attributes claimed to published information. The intercessions of accounting setters led to the repositioning and completion of qualitative requirements regarding information disclosure; but these ones point out a new dilemma under the impact they had on the dimension and complexity of financial statements: Complexity or usability of financial presentations? The complexity of present presentations is eloquent especially for the disclosures of financial instruments, of new business models, of risks and uncertainties. But to what extent: Does usability mean quality or compliance? Therefore, one can take into consideration the extent to which users of financial statements’ expectations receive the expected answers regarding the quality of information from financial statements; this extent depends both on how financial information producers accomplish their mission broadly, and on financial auditors who must have the nerve to contest the presentations of information published under the responsibility of the management of the entity, presentations considered not to be adequate from the point of view of users’ expectations. Accountants and auditors denote their role also by choosing the perspective of a fair presentation of the financial statement and of the performance, namely if this one is in size of “a correct presentation” or “a compliant presentation”.

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Abstract: Accounting information is the raw material and finished product for any company both for performance and performance management. Concerns regarding the further development of socio-economic systems at both micro and macro, is today the heart of business management. Therefore, current concerns are concerted work to standardize accounting methods for integrated data processing and the use of new technologies, including artificial intelligence. Therefore, in theory and accounting practice in some countries, was conceived alternative forecasting and hence the forecast balance sheet accounts. It is true at the same time and that different tools are used in practice to predict under certain names, such as "budget system" which outlines the monetary and non-monetary flows, but not be summarized in a forecast balance sheet. However, the use of assessment methods based on yield, employs a forecast balance in full or elements. How to prepare and present provisional accounting records are different, and there is no unified methodology in the field. In this context we propose the development of a variant of the forecast balance sheet and capitalization in economic practice.

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