

Preface

Recent developments in environmental and sustainability accounting are addressed in this fifth volume in the Environmental and Sustainability Management Accounting Network (EMAN) research book series. The main subject is the role of environmental management accounting in supply chain management – a topic which has been dealt with at various EMAN conferences from which a selection of the best papers is now collected. As well as highlighting new developments in environmental and sustainability management accounting (EMA) generally, the papers presented here link sustainable supply chain management with EMA, which was the core theme of the EMAN-EU conference held in Espoo, Finland, in 2007. The book also considered papers which originated from the EMAN-EU conferences on sustainability and corporate social responsibility accounting in Budapest in 2008 and on environmental accounting and sustainable development indicators in Prague in 2009, as well as the first EMAN Global Conference on integrated environmental management accounting for sustainable development at Tshwane, South Africa in 2008. It is a pleasure to see the number of participants at EMAN conferences continuing to flourish, with 150 attending in Espoo, 100 in Budapest, 200 in Prague and 120 in Tshwane. Given the changing core topics of the EMAN conferences, the conferences were attended by not only experts on EMA but also by academics and practitioners from different disciplines and industries. The continued interest in EMA is also reflected in the growing interest in EMAN generally and shows that the role of EMA is acknowledged in an increasing number of disciplines, professions and industries.

The result is that this volume is able to present a collection of contributions relating to sustainable supply chain management, the social and economic aspects of environmental and sustainability management accounting, and the integration of EMA with sustainable development, a characteristic of sustainability which is sadly lacking from much of the earlier literature.

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