In March 2015, Univ-Prof. Dr. Dr. Georg Schneider started as a full professor and head of the Department of Accounting and Reporting at the University of Graz. He began his academic career at the University of Vienna, where he received a doctoral degree in mathematics in 2002 and a doctoral degree in business in 2005 (both sub auspiciis praesidentis, the highest honor for doctoral studies in Austria). After finishing his PhD, he started as an assistant professor at the University of Vienna. Parts of the academic year 2004/05 he was a visiting scholar at the Stanford Graduate School of Business (GSB). In 2007 he was appointed a full professor for financial accounting at the University of Paderborn, at that time the youngest full professor in Germany. During his time in Paderborn he received job offers for full professor positions at the Universities of Mannheim and Bern. His research interests include managerial compensation, disclosure, the stability of accounting standards, and analytic tax research.

**DART Mini Graduate Workshop**

In mid-January 2015, DART hosted its annual doctoral workshop at the University of Graz. Continuing the well-established international collaboration of prior years, researchers from the University of Mannheim (Prof. Simons) and the University of Würzburg (Prof. Szczesny) participated in the seminar. Additionally, doctoral students associated with Prof. Daske participated in the workshop in Graz for the first time. During the two-day workshop, junior researchers had the opportunity to present their current research projects and benefit from the feedback of assigned discussants and the general audience. The presentations included empirical as well as analytical studies in the fields of accounting, auditing, enforcement, and taxation. CAR’s Prof. Niemann noted the high quality of all the contributions and expressed appreciation for their broad heterogeneity. Because the workshop was perceived as a success by all participants, the faculty announced its intention to repeat this event in subsequent years.

**Report by Sandra Kukec (DART) on Her Visit to L. N. Stern School of Business, NYU**

I spent the fall semester of the academic year of 2014/15 as a visiting scholar at the Leonard N. Stern School of Business, New York University. The faculty and doctoral students at the Department of Accounting gave me a warm welcome and provided me with my own office at the department.

During my visit I attended courses in analytical accounting research, financial statement analysis, corporate finance and microeconomics taught by professors Joshua Ronen, Kose John and Luis Cabral. The courses were very challenging and demanding and consisted of presentations and vigorous discussions among students and with professors.

Moreover, I also attended the “brown bag” accounting seminars that were held twice a week and where the invited speakers and international researchers, as well as the faculty of the Accounting Department, presented their current research work. The discussions were always very lively and addressed to help the presenter in improving their current work.

Additionally to the courses and the accounting seminars, I worked on my own research projects and discussed them with my sponsor Professor Tim Baldenius and other professors and doctoral stu-
students at the department. The courses, seminars, discussions about my own paper and feedback from the other researchers helped me in improving my own work and my research knowledge and skills. The time spent at NYU was very interesting, resourceful and inspiring. I am extremely grateful to DART for enabling me to visit NYU during my doctoral study and to NYU for accepting me as a visiting scholar and integrating me into their daily research life at the Department of Accounting.

CAR's Rainer Niemann Joins Editorial Board of Business Research

After serving the maximum two consecutive terms, CAR's Rainer Niemann resigned as Department Editor Accounting of Business Research at the end of December 2014. He continues to serve as an editorial board member for Business Research.

DART International Seminar in Vienna

Anil Arya, professor of accounting and (by courtesy) economics at Ohio State University, held a doctoral seminar on strategic and incentive issues in bilateral relationships. The three-day seminar took place at the University of Vienna in December 2014. Most of the DART students took advantage of the opportunity to participate in this informative and interesting seminar. The seminar focused on analytical methods and covered three main topics: (1) strategic behavior of a firm as a buyer of inputs, (2) effects on a firm's retail rivals when the firm is a supplier of critical inputs to its competitors, and (3) information and incentive issues in capital budgeting. Prof. Arya provided deep insights into several of his own papers that deal with models for addressing the topics covered by the seminar. In doing so, he made every effort to convey the general intuition behind the results of these models.

Book on Financial Reporting

In January 2015, the third edition of Externe Unternehmensrechnung, written by CAR's Ralf Ewert and Alfred Wagenhofer, was published. Adding several topics to the previous edition, the new edition represents a major update.

Visiting Scholars

Marcus Brocard and Benedikt Franke, PhD students from the Center for Doctoral Studies in Business (CDSB) at the University of Mannheim, were visiting scholars at CAR last quarter. They were assigned to the Institute of Accounting and Taxation. The visit was part of the collaboration between CAR and CDSB initiated in 2011. Furthermore, Elisa Roncagliolo, a PhD student from the University of Genoa, is currently visiting CAR.

ÖFG and CAR - Call for Papers

The Research Group on “Financial Crises” of the Österreichische Forschungsgemeinschaft and the Center for Accounting Research at the University of Graz invite submissions of research papers on the recent financial crises of the new millennium for a workshop on “Accounting, Information and Financial Crises” held at the University of Graz at November 4-5, 2015. Submission deadline is September 15, 2015.

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