

## From the Authors

Globalization is occurring rapidly. As economic and other interactions increase among countries, capital markets must provide high-quality financial information. A need exists for high-quality financial reporting standards that meet this objective. Fortunately, **International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)** has broad international acceptance and is being used in some form by more than 115 countries around the world. One securities regulator noted that IFRS is best positioned to serve as the single set of high-quality accounting standards.

### CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSTANT

Most countries want rapid action related to the acceptance of IFRS. A number of countries have already switched from their own version of accounting standards to IFRS. Students and instructors need educational materials related to IFRS in order to meet this new challenge. Our objective in revising *Intermediate Accounting*, IFRS Edition, was to continue to provide the tools needed to understand what IFRS is and how it is applied in practice. The emphasis on fair value, the proper accounting for financial instruments, and the new developments related to leasing, revenue recognition, and financial statement presentation are examined in light of current practice. In addition, given the rapid changes taking place, we provide and discuss the new Conceptual Framework to understand how these issues will likely be resolved in the future.

"If this text helps you appreciate the challenges, worth, and limitations of financial reporting, if it encourages you to evaluate critically and understand financial accounting concepts and practice, and if it prepares you for advanced study, professional examinations, and the successful and ethical pursuit of your career in accounting or business in a global economy, then we will have attained our objectives."

## A LOOK AT GLOBAL ACCOUNTING

While IFRS has achieved broad acceptance, not all countries have adopted it. For example, U.S. companies still follow U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) in preparing their financial statements. In fact, the differences between IFRS and U.S. GAAP may provide certain companies with a competitive advantage, so understanding these differences may be important in analyzing company performance. In addition, the IASB and the FASB are working together to converge their standards as appropriate. Accordingly, we have included a **Global Accounting Insights** section at the end of selected chapters, to highlight the important differences that remain between IFRS and U.S. GAAP, as well as the ongoing joint convergence efforts to resolve them. As a result, students truly gain a global accounting education by studying this text.

## INTERMEDIATE ACCOUNTING WORKS

*Intermediate Accounting*, Seventeenth Edition (based on U.S. GAAP), is the market-leading text in providing the tools needed to understand what U.S. GAAP is and how it is applied in practice. With this IFRS Fourth Edition, we strive to continue to provide the material needed to understand this subject area using IFRS. The text is comprehensive and up-to-date, and provides the instructor with flexibility in the topics to cover. We also include proven pedagogical tools, designed to help students learn more effectively and to answer the changing needs of this course.

We are excited about *Intermediate Accounting*, IFRS Fourth Edition. We believe it meets an important objective of providing useful information to educators and students interested in learning about IFRS. Suggestions and comments from users of this text will be appreciated. Please feel free to e-mail any one of us at [AccountingAuthors@yahoo.com](mailto:AccountingAuthors@yahoo.com).

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