In 2020, an accounting history prize will be awarded for the first time in France, during the 25th Journées d’histoire du management et des organisations (JHMO) which will take place in Lyon on 26 and 27 March (jhmo2020.sciencesconf.org). This prize is named in honour of the founding president of the Belgian Ordre des experts comptables et comptables brevetés, created in 1959: Joseph Colleye (1908-2001).

A major player in the legal recognition of the accounting profession in Belgium and its development, Joseph Colleye also was the author of thirty books and a multitude of articles, particularly on the standardisation and computerisation of accounting. As director of the Editions comptabilité et productivité, he supervised in 1975 the publication of the first French translation of the famous Tractatus de computis et scripturis of Luca Pacioli’s Summa, undertaken by Robert Haulotte and Ernest Stevelinck, two accountants passionate about accounting history.

This prize is funded by the Fonds Joseph Colleye, a non-profit organisation that has also decided to support a series of activities which will be carried out to promote the accounting history collection of the University Library at the Université de Nantes. This undertaking will pay tribute to one of the previously mentioned historians of accounting, Ernest Stevelinck (1909-2001), whose personal library was at the origin of the constitution of this collection. In 1970, he was the convenor of the first World Congress of Accounting Historians, whose 25th edition will be held in St Petersburg in July 2020.

The prize in the amount of €1500 will be awarded to the author(s) of an article on the history of accounting techniques and of their uses. The selection of the recipient(s) will be made by an international jury.

To be eligible for this prize, the article, written in French or in English, must have been published in 2018 or in 2019 in a ranked academic journal. In addition, the author or one of the authors will propose, at the same time, a paper to be presented at the JHMO 2020.

- Deadline for submission of applications: 2 December 2019
- The article, accompanied by a brief CV will be sent to the following address: prixcolleye2020@ahmo.fr