This was Professor James Guthrie’s fourth visit to CAGS as a member of RPP and once again he had a very busy and productive stay in CAGS in January and February 2013.

As Head of Academic Relations for the Institute of Chartered Accountants (the Institute), Professor Guthrie with Professor Roger Burritt, coordinated collaboration of the 4th forum in the CAGS/Institute Thought Leadership Series called “The virtual university: impact on accounting education”, held on the 5th of February 2013 in the Bradley Forum.

James held discussions among professional accounting bodies, practitioners and academics and says, “In a nutshell, online learning is no longer the poor cousin to a traditional on-campus experience. Students live in a mobile world and expect education to be delivered in accordance with their needs.”

He added, “The one size fits all approach is a thing of the past. Content is now available in many formats, but only those universities that can tailor offerings to meet student expectations will succeed. Personalising and adapting learning amongst the student cohort needs to be the norm.”

“E-learning does have its pitfalls. How do we as educators, develop team work, communication, presentation skills in an online learning environment? These are must-have skills for anyone seeking a business and accounting career.”

“With over 80 key stakeholders assembled from all facets of the accounting profession, the forum was a critical step in opening dialogue and facilitating ongoing collaboration,” says Professor Guthrie.

The forum was attended by more than 80 delegates from universities, business and professional bodies from across Australia and New Zealand.

The Institute and the Centre for Accounting, Governance and Sustainability (CAGS) at the University of South Australia are looking forward to launching the subsequent Thought Leadership publication at the AFAANZ Conference in Perth, July 2013.

During his visit, James also collaborated with various researchers and presented twice at CAGS research seminars. The first seminar on the 31st of January was presented by Professor James Guthrie and Professor Roger Burritt, discussing the topic of “Your destiny as an academic”. The second seminar on the 7th February was presented by Simon Linacre, Professor James Guthrie and Professor Roger Burritt, on the subject of “Measuring your impact: including how altmetrics may impact on academics”.

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James met regularly with staff and students at CAGS including: Professor Roger Burritt, Professor Lee Parker, Dr Amanda Carter, Dr Sumit Lodhia, Dr Basil Tucker, Dr Wei Qian, Dr Joanne Tingey-Holyoak, Associate Professor Glen Lehman and Associate Professor Bruce Gurd. In addition, he also met with Professor Christine Hellier and Pro Vice Chancellor; Professor Gerry Griffin, as well as the following visitors to CAGS: Professor Kerry Jacobs, Professor Jim Haslam, Professor Garry Carnegie, Professor John Dumay, Simon Linacre (Emerald Publishing, UK) and Dr Frederica Farneti.

Amongst the guidance James provided was feedback on promotions, career opportunities, grant applications and/or participation in new grant initiatives, and discussion of opportunities for publishing with the CAGS’ academic journals. James also consulted with Professor Roger Burritt on maximising research output and performance and engaged with staff members in one-on-one meetings on the recommendations from this consultation. James also spent considerable time with Professor Lee Parker discussing AAAJ and especially the upcoming conference to be held in Japan later this year.

Various further and more spontaneous shorter and longer research discussions with PhD students and researchers are not specifically listed here.