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IMA Middle East Focus

THE CMA MONTHLY SURPRISE RAFFLE

IMA Middle East is pleased to announce the CMA Monthly Surprise Raffle. Starting February 2014 ONE CMA will get to win a surprise reward as a thank you gesture for their continuing support and loyalty to IMA. Good Luck!

Congratulations to James VithayathilThoman, CMA, ACMA, who is this month's winner of a ONE-YEAR FREE IMA Membership.

IMA (Institute of Management Accountants) Middle East Joins AmCham Abu Dhabi 'Women Achieve' Initiative

IMA(Institute of Management Accountants) Middle East is proud to announce that it has become the latest signatory of Women Achieve, an innovative program established by its Women in Business Committee that promotes the professional advancement of women. The program was developed to encourage companies and organizations to give women more opportunities to advance their careers by offering them positions of greater responsibility and leadership.



“IMA Middle East and Africa is excited about joining the Women Achieve initiative.

Regional Members in IMA Global Board of Directors

IMA Middle East would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. SolaimanAbdulaziz S. Altwaijri, and Mr. Atul Kumar Agarwal for their appointment—in the case of Dr. Altwaijrire-appointment—to the IMA Global Board of Directors.

Dr. Altwaijri, managing director and CEO of Saudi Arabian Amiantit Company (Amiantit), Dammam: “As an IMA Global Board member, I can add an international, as well as a GCC, perspective to the issues discussed,” he says. “The existence of IMA in our area should be improved by our collective efforts. As board members, we should use our resources and IMA's chapter's resources to improve the acceptance and reputation of the IMA in the region.”

Agarwal serves as CFO of MedPlus Health Services Pvt. Limited, India. He describes his role on the Board: “Being in

Management Accounting is an important profession, contributing to the success of organizations and the vitality of societies. There is a world of opportunity for women in our profession, and we are committed to supporting women in their personal and professional goals,” said Hanady Khalife, director of IMA’S Middle East and Africa operations. “The Women Achieve initiative is an excellent addition to our member offerings, especially with our female membership accounting for 25% of our overall member base.”

IMA has now joined an expanding list of leading companies that support the Women Achieve initiative, including Boeing, ExxonMobil, F&E Aerospace, Lockheed Martin Global Inc., Mubadala GE Capital, New York Institute of Technology, Olgoonik Global Security, Parsons, Patton Boggs LLP, and others. For more information about Women Achieve, please contact wib@amchamabudhabi.org

Marcus Evans and IMA Partner for Middle East 6th Annual CFO 2014 Forum

IMA, (Institute of Management Accountants), in partnership with Marcus Evans, is pleased to announce the Middle East 6th Annual CFO 2014 Forum. The event is dedicated to exploring the changing role of the CFO in the Middle East region. Attendees will have the opportunity to discover the latest trends and interact with some of the region’s leading experts, including:

- Rajesh Pareek, CFO, Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), and James Waveru, vice president of finance – MENA, Unilever Gulf: “Growing the CFO Role of Tomorrow as the Connected and Strategic CFO.”

the IMA Global Board of directors is just not being a part of a prestigious global Institution but is being associated with a mission that enables and empowers businesses across the globe. I am very excited to see how we, as management accountants, could bring a change to the world by changing the business environment, making it more efficient, better governed, improving the use and generation of capital and thereby changing the lives of people for the better.”

2014 JAMA Kickoff Activities Event

JAMA (Jordan Association of Management Accountants) held its Kickoff Activities Event for 2014 on February 5 in the Orthodox Club where a group of Jordanians, who passed their exams in 2013 and became CMAs (Certified Management Accountants), were honored.



During the celebration, JAMA discussed its achievements in 2013 and revealed its future goals and training programs for 2014, which totals up to 16 events. Moreover, every year JAMA offers its members two CMA® scholarships sponsored by Morgan International.

Stemming from its belief in highlighting the importance of enhancing its members’ careers, JAMA (since 2010) is constantly working on its goal in improving the standards of Jordanian accountants.

IMA Dubai Chapter

- Ian Henderson, CFO and director of tax, Qatar Financial Centre Authority (QFCA): "Consolidating Approaches in Corporate Financial Performance Management to Drive Business Improvement."
- Gerhard Nagl, CFO, Lafarge Emirates Cement LLC, UAE: "Making the Leap from CFO to CEO: Determining CFO's Career Development Landscape."
- Farhan Khalil, CFO, Savola Group, Saudi Arabia: "Balancing Financial Growth with Risk and Regulatory Compliance Effectively."

Mohamad Al Masri, president of IMA's Abu Dhabi Chapter, will be opening the event.

Jeff Thomson, CMA, CAE, IMA president and CEO, commented, "IMA is delighted to collaborate with Marcus Evans to empower tomorrow's CFOs and provide a platform for networking and sharing best practices. This premier conference will help financial leaders rise to future challenges and strive for greater business performance."

The event will take place May 12-13, 2014 at the Address Hotel in Dubai Marina.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/CFO2014> to register for the 6th Annual CFO 2014 Forum.

IMA's Dubai Chapter hosted its first event for 2014 on February 15 at the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Stephan Melchior, CEO and managing director of Wilson Learning, was invited as the guest speaker. Melchior shared his knowledge and experience on Negotiating Mutual Agreement followed by a group activity and general discussion. This event was attended by 49 IMA members and accredited with 1.5 CPE units. A networking session followed the workshop where IMA members explored new horizons in the activities.

IMA's Dubai Chapter received a large number of requests to host more similar events, and chapter president Karim Abdelhay has promised the same to all the members. IMA's Dubai Chapter appreciates all of those who attended and volunteered for making the event a big success. To learn more, visit <http://dubai.imanet.org>

Editor's Pick: Jobs of the Month

To apply for these positions, visit <http://careers.imamiddleeast.org> and enter the job reference number:

- Budget Analyst- Embassy of the United States of America
Ref. JB3015956
- Manager/Senior Manager - Assurance - Audit Services –Ernst & Young
Ref. JB3015430
- Senior Economist / Economist – Arab Monetary Fund Ref. JB3011527

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