



## IMA Middle East Focus

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King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals Approved by IMA's Higher Education Endorsement Program

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM) has become the first Middle Eastern University to be recognized through IMA's Higher Education Endorsement Program.



IMA's Higher Education Endorsement Program recognizes undergraduate and graduate accounting programs that meet the educational standards that enable students to pursue the CMA®(Certified Management Accountant) credential.

Higher education programs seeking endorsement by IMA must substantially cover the content of the CMA exam in their curriculum, have adequate faculty resources, be accredited by a recognized accreditation organization, and have a faculty member designated as an IMA Campus Advocate. The Campus Advocate Program helps professors demonstrate their commitment to the future of the accounting profession by mentoring students and encouraging CMA certification.

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The Saudi Organization for Certified Public Accountants (SOCPA) and IMA renewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the general secretary of SOCPA, Ahmad Al Meghames. IMA extended its gratitude to SOCPA and Al-Meghames for their support and presented an IMA plaque to Al-Meghames, as a token of appreciation and gratitude.



Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) was awarded the Corporate Recognition Platinum Status, received by Humoud Al-Otaibi, acting manager, of the Training & Career Development Division, in the Human Resources department.



The Ministry of Commerce & Industry met with His Excellency, Tawfig F. Alrabiah, minister of Commerce & Industry. IMA Delegates discussed how IMA can be a valued complementary resource in building a solid industrial infrastructure in KSA that provides well-paying and meaningful work for Saudi Nationals. IMA extended a Token of Appreciation to Alrabiah, and the SOCPA IMA Memorandum of Understanding was signed.

### CMA Activities in Egypt

Dennis Whitney CMA, CFM, CAE, senior vice president of ICMA<sup>®</sup> (Institute of Certified Management Accountants) presented the "CMA Exam Strategies for Success" workshop for CMA candidates in community service programs and continuing education in Alexandria.



IMA in partnership with Oil and Gas Skills in Alexandria held a "Budget Strategies workshop" presented by Whitney. The workshop was attended by about 60 participants from large petroleum companies, including Medor, GUPCO, SUMED, Alexandria Petroleum Co and others.

In partnership with Alexandria University, an exclusive seminar was held called "CMA Exam: Strategies for Success" also presented by Whitney. More than 200 students attended.



Cairo University hosted a seminar in partnership with IMA called "Linking Formal Education and Certification Accounting Jobs for the 21st Century " for the academics and students. More than 170 individuals attended.

IMA also hosted this workshop for Morgan's CMA candidates.

### CMA Raffle

Congratulations to the winner of this month's CMA surprise drawing: Ahed Rashid Hilal, CMA You have won a free one-year IMA membership. Please contact us at [imamiddleeast@imanet.org](mailto:imamiddleeast@imanet.org) or +971 4 429 6017 to claim your prize.

### Chapter Activities



IMA's Western Province Chapter – Saudi Arabia, received the chapter charter from Joe Vincent CMA, former Chair of IMA's Global Board of Directors. The chapter also hosted its first CFO round table conference at the Ramada Hotel in Jeddah on Monday, May 18 called "Finance Business Partnering" the first event sponsored by Mind Merge, with an opening speech from Waleed Bamarouf, chapter president. He welcomed the attendees and thanked everyone who contributed to the success of this event. He also noted IMA's role in the Western Region since the beginning of its inception. Then Vincent made a presentation called "The Evolving Role of Finance & Accounting", attended by 25 – 30 CFO's.

## IMA Dubai Chapter

June 6, 2015 - The IMA Dubai Chapter held a workshop on Ethics at the Dubai Chamber of Commerce. Former Dubai chapter president, Karim Abd-Elhay, CMA, facilitated the event. Karim provided a brief overview of ethics and spoke about the characteristics of an ethical issue and the steps needed to resolve it. The event included an ethics study case that attendees worked on in groups to resolve. 57 members attended the event. To learn more, please visit [www.dubai.imanet.org](http://www.dubai.imanet.org)

## Job Pick of the month

Visit [www.careers.imamiddleeast.org](http://www.careers.imamiddleeast.org) to apply for these popular positions by entering the job reference number:

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