IMA Middle East Focus

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CMA Raffle

Congratulations to the winner of this month's CMA® (Certified Management Accountant)

surprise drawing: Omnia Tarek Bakr, CMA from Qatar. You have won a free one-year IMA membership. Please contact us at imamiddleeast@imanet.org or +971 4 429 6017 to claim your prize!

IMA Signs Cooperation Agreement with the Financial Audit Department - Dubai

In line with its strategic plan to collaborate with leading professional institutes to raise the efficiency of its staff, the Financial Audit Department (FAD) of the Government of Dubai announced that it has signed a co-operation agreement with IMA (Institute of Management Accountants), one of the world's leading associations in management accounting.

The agreement was signed by his Excellency Abdullah Al Huraiz, deputy director general of

FAD, and Hanady Khalife, IMA director Middle East/Africa.

Al Huraiz said: “The agreement underlines the focus of FAD to foster our cooperation with various institutions to strengthen the skills of our employees.” Al Huraiz added that human resources development is an important pillar of FAD's Strategic Plan. “The agreement with IMA is the latest in a series of collaborations that aim to promote our human resources. We will continue to invest in such programmes that build the skills of our employees and thus achieve the vision of our leadership.”

The ceremony was attended by Mohammed Hassan Al Marzouqi, deputy director general, Hessa Musallam, human resource manager, Dr. Ihab Zaki, senior auditor of the quality office at FAD, Jim Piechowski, IMA director of international operations and Hanady Khalife, IMA director of Middle East/Africa. To learn more, click here.

Raef Lawson Visits KSA’s Most Renowned Universities

On a KSA-wide tour to promote IMA’s Higher Education Endorsement Program, Raef Lawson, Ph.D., CMA,CPA, CFA, IMA vice president of research and policy and professor-in-residence, visited some of the most prominent universities including King Fahd University for Petroleum & Minerals, (KFUPM) - Eastern Province, King Saud University - (KSU), Prince Sultan University - (PSU), Al Faisal University - Riyadh, and Dar Al-Hekma University -Western Province. The program identifies business curriculums that meet the quality educational standards required to enable students to earn the CMA credential, and is a step in bridging the competency gap within the profession.

To learn more about IMA’s Higher Education Endorsement Programs , please visit www.imanet.org/educator_resources/index.aspx

Global Highlights

IMA is currently seeking nominees for positions on our Global Board of Directors, including our next Chair-Elect. We believe you may have the qualifications and skill set necessary to serve on our Board and be a role model for the profession.

Serving on IMA's Global Board of Directors can help you take your leadership to the next level. You can grow your critical leadership skills, become an active participant in setting the profession’s agenda, and empower the profession through external organizations. Join us in the execution of our vision by applying for one of these open volunteer positions:

- Global Director, term July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017
- Chair-Elect, term July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018

Apply or nominate now!

Chapter Activities

IMA Abu Dhabi Chapter

September 5, 2014 - The IMA Abu Dhabi Chapter held an event on Planning, Performance,

and Control facilitated by Sami Barakeh, finance manager at the American University of the Emirates. The event consisted of a workshop on financial planning and other topics covered included performance, budgeting, internal controls, forecasting. Members practiced the various examples using lists of questions and essays. Barakeh was very knowledgeable on the topic and engaged the participants very well. He also distributed supplements of questions featuring samples on the subject matters. The event was held at the Crowne Plaza Abu Dhabi. Thirty Two members attended; and found the workshop very helpful to their career.

IMA Dubai Chapter

September 20, 2014 - the IMA Dubai Chapter held an event titled "Recent Key Changes in IFRS" at the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The event consisted of a three-hour interactive seminar facilitated by Binod Shankar, managing director of Genesis Institute. The seminar included theoretical information about the differences between current and previous versions of IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards), information about how changes in IFRS will affect financial reporting, and case studies that attendees attempted to solve on their own. Shankar was very knowledgeable on the topic and engaged the participants well. Members found the seminar very informative and greatly liked participating in the case studies.

Course Provider Activities

Logic School of Management – India

In an effort to promote CMA globally – Logic School of Management will be convening a webex presentation on September 28, 2014 titled - "Importance of CMA Certification in Today's International Global Economic Scenario". To register for this webex presentation, please e-mail info@logiconline.org

Morgan International

CMA Part 2 live classes are starting soon in Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Bahrain, UAE, and KSA at Morgan International. Register with the Wiley IMA Platinum Provider and benefit from a 15% discount offered exclusively to IMA members. Learn more at http://info.morganintl.com/f14-cma-class-listing-ima

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- **Financial Planning & Analysis Specialist - TATA Consultancy Services Ref. JB3110694**
- **Settlement Officer - Arab Monetary Fund Ref. JB3108910**

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