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United Kingdom
Chapter

UK Chapter Newsletter

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Words from the President

Hello IMAs in the UK and around the world,

Welcome to Spring! As we enter the third year of the IMA presence in the UK, I would like to know your views and comments on how the chapter can better serve you in the UK.

Our annual face-to-face event in London is now on the 12th of May. It is on a Saturday based on your feedback in the survey that was sent early this year, we have made sure its a central location for your ease - read to the end of this newsletter to see the details.

I would love to hear more about your thoughts and suggestions, please feel free to email me on ima.uk@outlook.com

Looking forward to meeting you in person at the May face-to-face annual event.

Fatema El-Wakeel

IMA UK Chapter Founding President

FY18/19 Third Year Board

Nominations are still open for volunteering to run the IMA chapter in the UK in its third year. It will be a responsible but rewarding experience for those of you who offer to get involved.

It is not too late. Put forward yourself, a colleague, or simply attend in person on May 12th to contribute your own views.

The objective is to support the IMA and its members - people like you - in the UK. We are a small but select band, around 150 qualified CMA people working in the UK and adding value to their employers and the economy.

IMA in the UK, in Europe, in the World

The IMA, of course, is a global organisation and the CMA qualification is recognised on an international level.

How is your IMA support structured?

Within the UK, we have a single chapter representing all members who live or work here. We co-operate closely with other chapters; many of our online events are open to members anywhere.

Within Europe, we have the Europe Region of the IMA. This team co-ordinates activities across the continent, with several other countries also having their own chapters. The European team operate out of new headquarters in Amsterdam

The Global IMA team co-ordinate and communicate constantly with all regions. We work with them both at the chapter level and the regional level.

In this way we support our members with a lean, 'shallow-tree' management structure - very cost-effective and with short chains of communication. So when we support you, you get the full support of the region and the global!

People and Numbers

Just how big is the IMA?

In the UK we grew over the last 12 months from less than 20 to almost 150 members.

In the same period the global total reached 100,000 members

IMA Europe grew from 1,900 members in 2010 to 3,000 now.

The fastest growing IMA cohort, in absolute numbers, is China, where we now have 27,000 members - 10 years after the first Chinese version of the CMA exam.

But it is not about numbers, it is about individuals. As the IMA approaches its 100th anniversary, we are keen to highlight personal and individual stories. How has your career evolved? In which country did you qualify, in which countries have you worked? Contact **Kathy Williams** (kwilliams@imanet.org) to share your IMA story.

The Benefits of Becoming a UK Chapter Member

The IMA offers lots of benefits to its members by way of access to its tools, information, and the peer networks you need to enrich your career and add value to your organization. Last year we have started a regional chapter in the UK and the benefit of being an IMA member in the UK has increased multi-fold.

The UK Chapter provides its UK members -

- Enhance the strategic finance profession in the UK and develop it through providing a global perspective
- Support members' career development through access to an active professional community, continuing education, valuable information, and resources
- Support members and their organisations in driving business performance by promoting the highest ethical standards for internal financial management practices
- An opportunity to connect with like-minded people with like-wise qualification within UK.

We organise an event every quarter which gives an opportunity to its UK member to earn CPE hours, participate in the event and interact with the Chapter Board members.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mohammed Akram Ayyubi
VP Membership

Contact and Advice

Questions? Need advice? Introductions? The IMA UK board are here for you. Feel free to get in touch with any director - at your service:

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