

International Centre for Financial Regulation Establishes Academic Panel

London 12 March 2010 - The International Centre for Financial Regulation (ICFR) today announced the establishment of its Academic Panel, comprising of leading academics in the field of financial economics and regulation and whose knowledge and expertise will help to guide the ICFR in its development and growth.

The panel will enable the ICFR to foster closer links with the academic world, and to exchange ideas on important developments in regulatory thinking from around the globe. In addition to advising on the ICFR's research agenda, the panel will cultivate relationships between the ICFR and leading academics studying these topics.

Members of the Academic Panel include:

- Alistair Milne, Reader in Banking at Cass Business School
- Andrew Walter, Reader in International Political Economy at the London School of Economics
- Arnoud Boot, Professor of Corporate Finance and Financial Markets at the University of Amsterdam
- Charles Goodhart, Professor Emeritus of Banking and Finance at the London School of Economics
- David Llewellyn, Professor of Banking and Finance at Loughborough University
- John Board, Professor of Finance at University of Reading
- Julian Franks, Professor of Finance at London Business School
- Neil Shephard, Professor of Economics at Oxford University
- Nobuhiko Sugiura, Professor and Associate Director at Chuo University Graduate School of Strategic Management
- Richard Herring, Professor of International Banking at Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania
- Richard Portes, Professor of Economics at London Business School
- Viral Acharya, Professor of Finance at Stern School of Business, New York University

The international focus of the panel provides a holistic view of regulation worldwide that underscores the ICFR's global approach.

David Currie, Chairman of the Academic Panel commented, "At a time when reform of financial markets is high on the agendas of governments across the world, considered research and informed debate are crucial. The Academic Panel will develop and focus the ICFR's research agenda to address the critical issues facing regulators".

Richard Reid, Director of Research for the ICFR commented: "This highly regarded group of academics will enable the ICFR to remain at the forefront of issues within regulation. We will work in conjunction with this through a variety of channels, including seminars, briefings and research to share our knowledge and insight with the global financial community."

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The International Centre for Financial Regulation (ICFR) is the product of cooperation between 19 leading financial services companies together with Her Majesty's Government and the City of London, and provides training, scholarship and thought leadership on financial regulation. The Centre, while based in the City of London, will serve constituencies well beyond the borders of the UK. Internationally, the ICFR will engage dialogue across borders on effective regulatory cooperation and regulatory best practice; act as a clearing centre for those seeking training on regulation and commission research on regulatory frameworks fit for the 21st Century.

For further information please refer to www.icfr.org