



International Centre for  
Financial Regulation

## ICFR Newsletter

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### A message from Barbara Ridpath, CEO

I am delighted to welcome you to the first of many regular bulletins from the ICFR. Given the rapid pace of change in international financial regulation, our aim is to keep you abreast of the latest developments and alert you to key events.

I would particularly like to draw your attention to the new version of our website ([www.icffr.org](http://www.icffr.org)) and would welcome your feedback on the changes. You'll see that the revised format allows greater access to the regulatory calendar, research bibliography and – crucially – our training catalogue. You will also find more summaries of key issues, briefing documents and discussion papers, which you are free to download for your own use. Take a look, for instance, at the work undertaken for our recent event, **Unintended Consequences: The Future of Bank Capital**.

One new initiative that may be of particular interest is the **ICFR Research Prize** which was launched on 6 October in conjunction with The Financial Times. With a theme of 'How Best to Regulate the Bank of Tomorrow', we feel it is an innovative way to draw out new thinking on the future shape of the industry.

We are also in the process of developing our membership programme. If you would like to become a member of the ICFR please do not hesitate to contact us at: [membership@icffr.org](mailto:membership@icffr.org).

Kind regards,

**Barbara Ridpath, CEO**

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### Finding the training you need

The new-look ICFR website now includes a unique global training catalogue and search engine where visitors can find the exact training solutions they need. No fewer than 20 high-quality, international training providers are offering relevant courses and e-modules in areas ranging from regulation, compliance and risk management through to managerial skills and basic concepts of mathematics, products and markets.

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## Workshops on regulation

ICFR's tailored workshops are aimed at an international audience of financial regulators and supervisors. Delegates can learn more about regulated markets and institutions - as well as current and future financial regulation – and benefit from expert tuition from leading training consultants, academics and private-sector experts.

If you have ideas for future workshops or would be interested in participation click the button below.

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## Roundtable on managing risk

ICFR is organising a roundtable discussion with senior decision-makers from HR, Compliance and Risk Management in major banks and insurance companies. The aim is to establish a series of workshops that address any competency gaps identified by the Walker Review and the Committee of European Banking Supervisors in relation to risk management.

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The International Centre for Financial Regulation (ICFR) presents a breakfast briefing...

**The Global Financial Crisis: Developments in Financial Regulatory Reform in the US and Comparative UK and EU Activity**  
On Friday 9 October at Clifford Chance, Canary Wharf

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## Research prize encourages fresh thinking on regulation

The ICFR launched its inaugural research prize competition on 6 October, in association with The Financial Times. The theme of the contest is "How Best to Regulate the Bank of Tomorrow" and successful essay writers will have a chance to see their contributions debated at a prestigious awards event.

A panel of internationally recognised judges will announce its conclusions in early January 2010 and winning essays will be published.

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## ICFR works with Brookings on financial architecture and development

Dr Richard Reid – ICFR's Director of Research – will deliver a paper at the Brookings Institution as part of a joint Brookings, ICFR and ADB two year project on Financial Sector Reform.

His contribution will focus on the drivers behind financial development and the implications that the mix of instruments, institutions and markets have for policy-makers and regulators.

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## Capital requirements under spotlight during roundtable

In September, the ICFR hosted the second in a series of roundtable discussions – this time focusing on the issue of changes to banks' capital requirements. Two major themes were identified as regulators, supervisors and academics joined market participants from a range of financial and non-financial companies.

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**Viewpoint**

ICFR's Research Director, Richard Reid, reflects on the recent meeting of the G20 in Pittsburgh and examines important new findings from the IMF.

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