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### IIA Los Angeles President's Message

#### Leadership Volunteers A BIG Thank You! Quality Effective Relevance

Hello Everyone!

First, I wanted to thank the volunteer leaders who actively contribute and participate in helping to deliver service to the Los Angeles Chapter members and profession. During this past year, a number of the Chapter Officers and Governors assist with improving Chapter operations, processes, and events. We hope you noticed some of the improvements we have made. Many of the same key leaders will continue to work for you during the upcoming fiscal year 2011 and planning is well underway.

Second, a great example of the continuing smart hard work for our Los Angeles Chapter are the upcoming all day workshops in June and July 2010. The professional development team has put together some excellent CPE programs on timely and relevant topics for internal auditors. I encourage you to attend. Please join us and find out what you need to know. You can simply and easily register in less than 1 minute for these exceptional CPE programs. You can't beat the value of these full day CPE programs. Refer to the "Hot Off the Press" section below for more information.

Third, I have a couple of questions for you to think about. Are you efficient more than effective? Are we out of balance with more efficiency compared to effectiveness? There are some important distinctions to consider.

Technology has provided all of us with tools to help us to get more done with less and be more efficient with our work. There are laptops, notebooks, cell phones, PDAs, Blackberries, Telecon capabilities, Video conferencing, etc. The speed at which we need to get things done seems to speed up faster and faster each day. I think we are becoming more and more efficient with getting things done.

Many times in our work the value add 'efficiency' improvements are in the details. They say the devil is in the details and the majority of the time this is exactly correct. The details are actually important in much of the work we do for our organizations.

However, I think now it is more important to be relevant to your organization - truly relevant. Being relevant to the organization is about quality effectiveness in your work and work product. I refer to this as quality effective relevance. The more quality

effective relevance you provide in your work and work product the better. From time to time, I think it is important for all of us to have more quality effective relevance in our work.

Again, a BIG thank you to each of the volunteer leaders who actively contributed and participated in helping to deliver and improve service to the Chapter members and profession during fiscal year 2010.

With all best wishes,

**Peter Dinauer**

Reflections from President are available on-line at:

[http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/view.event\\_detail/cid/4/event\\_id/8496](http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/view.event_detail/cid/4/event_id/8496)

## Hot Off the Press

### IIA-LA Annual Auditing IT Workshop - First Annual

**Date:** Wednesday, June 9, 2010

**Time:** Breakfast 7:30 AM

Morning Session 8:00am-11:30am

Lunch Session 11:45am-1:15pm

Afternoon Session 1:30pm-5:00pm

**CPE:** Full Day (8.0 Hours CPE)

Lunch (1.5 Hours CPE)

Total CPE (9.5 Hours CPE)

**Price:** Full Day 100 Members / \$140 Non-Members

Lunch Only \$30 Members/ \$40 Non-Member

**Workshop:** [More Information](#) | [Register NOW](#)

**Lunch:** [More Information](#) | [Register NOW](#)



### IIA-LA International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Workshop

**Date:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010

**Time:** Breakfast 7:30 AM

Morning Session 8:00am-11:30am

Lunch Session 11:45am-1:15pm

Afternoon Session 1:30pm-5:00pm

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## Internal Auditor in the Spotlight



**Stephen Germain, CISA, CIA, CISSP**  
**Information Technology Audit Specialist**

For the month of May, the Internal Auditor in the Spotlight is Stephen Germain, who is an Information Technology Controls Specialist with extensive experience in auditing Fortune 500 financial and technology companies. His corporate experience in major IT and audit functions includes IT audit, IT security, system development, database systems administration, and regulatory compliance.

We recently had a chance to chat with Stephen Germain, our new VP of Membership! Read the full interview [here](#).

## Professional Development

**IIA-Los Angeles Student Memberships**

The Los Angeles Chapter is offering student memberships compared to \$175 for non-students. In addition, student fees for the CIA examination application is only \$30 (regular fee \$85) and each part is only \$85 (regular fee \$130). If you are interested, please contact Tom Rygiel, the VP of Internal Audit Legacy at [vp-internal-auditor-legacy@theiia-la.org](mailto:vp-internal-auditor-legacy@theiia-la.org). Click [here](#) for more information.

**The IIA Fall 2010 Western Regional Conference**



Catch the Wave: Sustaining Audit Excellence, September 19 - 22, 2010 in Anaheim, California. The current business environment and economic times are volatile, providing many challenges to the internal audit profession. As a result, improving our skills and expanding our knowledge of different types and areas of audit is very important. In order to meet this challenge, good quality training on emerging issues and core skills at a reasonable price is vital.

In the true spirit of "Progress Through Sharing," all seven Southern California Institute of Internal Auditors chapters (Beach Cities, Inland Empire, Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, San Diego, San Fernando Valley, and San Gabriel Valley) have agreed to sponsor this event. We hope that you will join us for this excellent training opportunity. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Atlanta 2010 International Conference**

Continuing education is critical to your success and we understand that training budgets may be tight. Therefore, we've introduced an enhanced Member Only discount making it even easier for you to attend the internal audit profession's premier global training event, June 6 - 9, 2010.



Your registration includes:

- Attendance to The IIA's 2010 Atlanta International Conference.
- Outstanding General Sessions led by world-class Keynote Speakers.
- A choice of more than 75 Concurrent Sessions.
- A themed Welcome Reception and exciting Gala Event.
- A hands-on Exhibit Hall brimming with new and proven tools.
- Unlimited Networking Opportunities, and much more!

Click [here](#) for more information.

**Career Opportunities**



**Staff or Senior Internal Auditor**

Consider a position with an exciting, fast-paced real estate company that owns and manages a diverse portfolio of real estate throughout the United States including multifamily properties, hotels, public storage facilities as well as commercial

properties. JRK Property Holdings has over 180 locations and we are poised for significant growth.

Due to our recent growth, our company is looking to expand the Internal Audit Department by adding an experienced **Staff or Senior Internal Auditor** effective immediately. Our Internal Audit Department conducts financial and operational audits at the corporate, regional, and property level as well as reviewing corporate and field level processes to identify improvements and efficiencies. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**One West Bank - Audit Manager**

One person at a time, One West Bank seeks to provide exceptional banking and lending services. Currently, a position



for an **Audit Manager** has become available for an individual who will be responsible for planning, directing and coordinating audit activities to ensure that audit goals/objectives are accomplished with prescribed time frames, parameters and in compliance with the Audit Plan. The Audit Manager will review and improve business processes to reduce cycle times, defects and unnecessary costs to improve One West's bottom line. They will also perform audits of an advanced type requiring expertise, discretion and judgment for the most complex areas. The Audit Manager will maintain understanding of and coordinate relationships between Audit and its clients, at appropriate levels. Click [here](#) to learn more.



**Potential Summer Internships in the Greater Los Angeles Area**

Potential Summer 2010 Internships in the Greater Los Angeles area are available. If you are a student interested in interning in the Internal Audit industry or if you are an employer looking for a summer intern, please contact Tom Rygiel, the VP of Internal Audit Legacy at [vp-internal-auditor-legacy@theiia-la.org](mailto:vp-internal-auditor-legacy@theiia-la.org) as soon as possible!

**Schedule of Upcoming Workshops, Lunches, & Conferences with CPE**

Day / Date	Event Type	Program Topic	CPE Hours
Wed June 9, 2010	All Day Workshop	Annual Auditing IT Workshop	8.0
Wed June 9, 2010	Lunch	Auditing IT Lunch Program	1.5
Wed July 14, 2010	All Day Workshop	Annual In-Depth IFRS Workshop - International Financial Reporting Standards	8.0
Wed July 14, 2010	Lunch	IFRS - International Financial Reporting Standards	1.5
Sun - Wed Sept 19-22, 2010	All Day Workshop	Catch the Wave: Sustaining Audit Excellence	18

Thank you for reading this month's edition of the IIA - Los Angeles Chapter Newsletter! We hoped you enjoyed it and if you have any suggestions for improvement or would like to include material in subsequent issues (news articles, Internal Auditor in the Spotlight, career opportunities, etc.), please reach out the Institute of Internal Audit - Los Angeles Chapter.

We wish everyone a great month of June as we embark on the first official day of Summer 2010!



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