A MESSAGE FROM THE IIA RESEARCH FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

At the IIA Research Foundation (IIARF), we recognize that we have the opportunity — and the challenge — to understand, shape, and advance the global profession of internal auditing by gathering and providing timely and innovative research.

Because internal auditing is so well-positioned to understand many different aspects of an organization, it finds itself in the middle of tremendous change and opportunity. The way we as a profession respond will determine our destiny for years to come. To meet this challenge, we must know where the profession has been, where it is now, and where it is headed.

I'm delighted to share with you that 2008 was another outstanding year for the IIARF, highlighted by significant achievements that will guide the future of the profession.

In 2008, we reviewed our strategic priorities to ensure they align with The IIA's new strategic plan, took key steps to enhance our operations, and conducted new research, thus establishing a solid foundation for the profession's growth. The success of the 2006 CBOK study paved the way for the next iteration of CBOK so we can continue to raise questions about the profession in the future and take full advantage of opportunities as they arise.

I'm grateful to be a part of the IIARF, and I am thankful for the Board of Trustees, the Board of Research and Education Advisors, our researchers, our generous donors, and the tremendous commitment and hard work of the research staff at Global Headquarters

The following pages summarize why 2008 was such a positive year and demonstrate why we're so well-positioned for continued growth in the years ahead.

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