



Welcome to the Winter 2011 Newswire

Introduction by Paul Winder



Another year has flown by with member firms in the region holding up well during the economic downturn. We have seen the membership remain stable during the year, with no new members in 2010.

Member firms are taking up more and more opportunities to do business with other members in the region. There have been more firms visiting other members and others are now realising that they need to market their skills and expertise more actively to their fellow members.

Looking to 2011, I am sure that 'more of the same' would be regarded as a positive year, subject to finding one or two new members. I would like feedback on the seminar programme for 2011, with suggestions for potential gatherings referred to below.

Similarly, I am already looking to our 2011 conference, and want to build on the success of last year. More than ever, I hope we can look to give or create opportunities for referrals within our MGI region and internationally.

Thank you for your support throughout 2010 and I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Paul Winder

UK Conference report



With 101 delegates from 14 different countries, this was undoubtedly our biggest and best conference to date. We had 20 different speakers across the main conference and the tracks, and an after-dinner speaker for the first time.

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Three tons of fun?



I'd like to assure all those who didn't attend this year's MGI AGM in Cape Town that the event consisted of a gruelling schedule of long lectures on the application of IFRS in different regions of the world and a technical exploration of the opportunities afforded by the introduction of iXBRL. I'd "like to assure" you of that but, were I to do so I would of course be lying my pants off.

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Practice Review Programme



MGI has introduced the Practice Review Programme as a means of self-review, to ensure our members continue to meet the required standards.

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Board membership



As was announced at the recent UK and Ireland conference, Bob Sadler of Rickard Keen has retired from the board after many years of giving it his close attention.

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The latest from the forums



Since the last newswire, we have had the second tax forum of the year. At this, we had several outside presentations looking at in-depth research and development claims and investments in the film industry, amongst other things.

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Planned seminars for 2011



Looking to the seminars for 2011, we have the IT forum already booked for 18 January, and undoubtedly we will have a couple of Tax and Managing Partners forums.

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Overseas Aspects



The second issue of Overseas Aspects was put together by Roger Isaacs from Milsted Langdon and was made available to all firms. As with the first edition, this was very well-received and we produced around 8,000 copies for member firms, with all printing costs being borne by MGI UK and Ireland.

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Watson Buckle land major insurance deal



Watson Buckle had been providing audit services to global marine insurance underwriting agent Osprey Special Risks Ltd for several years before the opportunity also arose to take on the audit of their holding company and fellow subsidiary Osprey Underwriting Agency Ltd, who are based in the City of London.

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Introducing Copey Murray



Copey Murray, our sole representative from the Republic of Ireland, is a firm of Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, established over thirty years ago.

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The latest from our blogs



MGI continues to provide an insight into the latest business news and trends using its blog channel on the popular accountancy website www.accountingweb.co.uk.

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Marketing update



Targeting for new members has continued with a focus on attracting member firms from the North West, Wales, North East and Scotland regions. The targeting process is via direct mail and follow up calls.

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Around the firms



A quick round-up of news from MGI UK and Ireland member firms.

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In the news



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