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The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan

SMP Workshop on "ISA 200, 230, 500 & 501" at ICAP House Lahore



A two-day SMP workshop on "ISA 200, 230, 500 & 501" for SMP students was held on December 18-19, 2008 from at ICAP House, Lahore.

The lead facilitator was Mr. Mohammad Basheer Juma, FCA, Partner, Ford Rhodes Sidat Hyder & Co. Chartered Accountants. He was assisted by co-facilitators Babar, Najeeb Khan, ACA and Mustafa Kamal.

The objective of the workshop was to give an understanding of audit engagement, its scope, and general principles governing the same to update and familiarize the participants with ISAs 200, 230, 500 and 501 through practical examples. Students also gained an understanding of certain terminologies used in the ISAs.

The workshop was highly interactive. It kept students engaged through discussions, experience sharing and group exercises. Students were organized into teams with prizes awarded to the winning teams at the end of the workshop. Physically engaging educational games such as mock stock checks and mock client meetings helped ensure a very interesting learning experience for the participants.

More than 60 students from following CA firms attended the workshop:-

1. Kaleem & Co.
2. A. Aziz Chaudhry & Co.
3. Yusaf Saeed & Co.
4. Riaz & Co.
5. M.A. Chaudhri & Co.
6. S.M. Masood & Co.
7. Javaid Jalal Amjad & Co.
8. Anjum Asim Shahid Rehman & Co.
9. Hyder Bhimji & Co.
10. Hameed Chaudhry & Co.
11. Maqbool Haroon & Co.
12. Nasir Javiad Maqsood Imran & Co.
13. Avais Hyder Liaqut Nauman
14. Talat Mehbob & Co.
15. M.A. Tabussum & Co.
16. Nauman Razaq & Co.

Rashid Rehman Mir - Vice President North attended the closing session of the workshop. In his concluding speech he thanked the facilitators for their time and effort and admired their ability to keep the participants involved.

Basheer Juma's presentation on "Study Techniques" is available for download at ICAP website at the following link:
<http://www.icap.org.pk/web/links/0/smpworkshops.php>

Re-designation of Directors of Professional Standards Compliance and Technical Services

The Institute's Directorate is pleased to inform that effective January 12, 2009, Mr. Shahid Hussain, ACA has taken over as Director Professional Standards Compliance & Evaluation (DPSC&E) and Mr. Muhammad Asif Iqbal, ACA has taken over as Director Technical Services (DTS).

The re-designations have occurred under the Institute's job rotation policy. The Institute wishes both Directors success on taking on their new roles.

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ISQC-1 Manual CD Available for Sale

The aim of ISQC 1 is to establish standards and provide guidance regarding a firm's responsibility for quality control of audits and other assurance and related services engagements.

While ISQC 1 applies to all firms (including "sole practitioners") regardless of their size, the nature and extent of the policies and procedures developed in compliance of the standard and their formalization and implementation will depend largely on the size of the firm, its practice segments and resources. However, it is expected that such policies and procedures are designed in a manner that they meet the minimum compliance benchmarks of the Standard.

Keeping in view the difficulties faced by the firms especially SMPs, in the implementation of this standard, ICAP is issuing the ISQC 1 manual. This manual is developed with the dual objective of providing guidance and understanding of the requirements of ISQC 1 as well as to augment its acceptability and implementation among smaller practices. This manual will certainly help the SMPs in establishing and maintaining their system of quality control and also in tailoring any existing policies commensurate with their size, services and resources.

This manual is in the form of a CD and is available at a nominal price of Rs. 1,000 per copy. Please send your expression of interest in purchase of CD to Ansar Ahmed at 021-9251645 or ansar@icap.org.pk

Welcome!

New Fellow / Associate Members

The following individuals have been recently admitted as Fellow / Associate Members of the Institute.

Fellow Members

R-No. Name

2627 Fahim, Amir
2112 Haider, Syed Imran
2741 Ibrahim, Imtiaz
2717 Kamran, Mohammad
2785 Khan, Faisal Shujaa
2866 Kherati, Rizwanullah
3519 Latif, Faisal
1545 Mahmud, Arshad
2770 Rizvi, Syed Iftikhar Hussain
2502 Saeed, Nadeem
2729 Sher, Ahmed
2382 Tariq, Naeem

5448 Amir, Muammad Mirza
5467 Anis, Abdullah
5480 Bashir, Abrar Muhammad
5481 Bhatti, Muhammad Ashhad
5453 Chaudhry, Hamid Raza
5475 Farooq, Soban
5451 Gul, Zanish
5464 Haseeb, Muhammad Adeel
5483 Hassan, Daniyal
5454 Husain, Syed Athar
5463 Hyder, Zaryab
5457 Jafrani, Shariq
5482 Jafri, Syed Omair A.
5466 Jindani, Arsheela Malik
5479 Kamal, Mustafa
5449 Khan, Urooj Ul Hasan

5459 Naved, Muhammad
5468 Qureshi, Iftikhar Ahmed
5470 Raheel
5472 Rahim,
5456 Rasul, Muhammad Aamer
5474 Sadiq,
5484 Saleem, Saad Muhammad
5450 Sarwar, Sadia
5486 Shaikh, Ayaz Ali
5452 Shehzad, Muhammad
5487 Sheraz, Muhammad
5473 Sial, Nabeel Ahmad
5461 Siddique, Faiza Iqbal
5465 Taqvi, Syed Zeeshan Haider
5477 Tashfeen, Yousuf Bin
5455 Waheed, Adnan
5469 Waqas

Associate Members

R-No. Name

5485 Ali
5471 Ahmed, Kaleem
5458 Ali, Kamran

5446 Khan, Sonia
5460 Khan, Umair Ahmed
5447 Mohsin, Farrukh
5476 Motwani, Rajesh Kumar
5462 Musa, Sami Ullah
5478 Nadim, Faisal



IFAC NEWS

IAASB Nears Finalization of the Clarity Project with the Issuance of Eight Standards

The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB), an independent standard-setting board has moved closer to completion of its Clarity Project with the release of seven clarified International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and one clarified International Standard on Quality Control (ISQC), following the consideration and approval by the Public Interest Oversight Board (PIOB) of the due process. To date, the IAASB has released 29 final redrafted ISAs and one final redrafted ISQC in the new clarity style.

Titles of the newly issued standards are as follows:

- International Standard on Quality Control (ISQC) 1 (Redrafted), *Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements*
- ISA 220 (Redrafted), *Quality Control for an Audit of Financial Statements*
- ISA 500 (Redrafted), *Audit Evidence*
- ISA 501 (Redrafted), *Audit Evidence-Specific Considerations for Selected Items*
- ISA 505 (Revised and Redrafted), *External Confirmations*
- ISA 520 (Redrafted), *Analytical Procedures*
- ISA 620 (Redrafted), *Using the Work of an Auditor's Expert*
- ISA 710 (Redrafted), *Comparative Information- Corresponding Figures and Comparative Financial Statements*

The PIOB has also considered and approved the due process of four additional ISAs that were approved by the IAASB at its September 2008 meeting. However, in finalizing ISA 210 (Redrafted), *Agreeing the Terms of Audit Engagements*, the IAASB approved conforming amendments to the following four reporting standards:

- ISA 700 (Redrafted), *Forming an Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements*;
- ISA 800 (Revised and Redrafted), *Special Considerations-Audits of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with Special Purpose Frameworks*;
- ISA 805 (Revised and Redrafted), *Special Considerations-Audits of Single Financial Statements and Specific Elements, Accounts or Items of a Financial Statement*; and
- ISA 810 (Revised and Redrafted), *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

The IAASB agreed that these four ISAs will be issued only after the PIOB has considered and approved the due process applied to ISA 210 (Redrafted), which is expected in February 2009. The IAASB recognizes that the four reporting standards present fewer implementation challenges than other ISAs, and so the interest in issuing a final text including conforming changes outweighs the desire to make them immediately available.

IAASB Chair John Kellas commented on the IAASB's progress: "The approval of the twelve standards now cleared by the PIOB made the IAASB's September meeting one of its most productive. It also kept us firmly on our timetable for completion of the Clarity Project by the end of 2008. By issuing eight of these standards today we are fulfilling our commitment to make the standards available as soon as practicable. As noted in the Clarity Project Update, early attention given to implementation of the clarified ISAs is of the utmost importance."

In addition to ISA 210 (Redrafted), at its meeting last week the IAASB approved new ISA 265, *Communicating Deficiencies to Those Charged with Governance and Management*, and ISA 402 (Revised and Redrafted), *Audit Considerations Relating to an Entity Using a Service Organization*. Subject to PIOB approval, these ISAs will be released in March 2009. The IAASB has also agreed to changes in the approved clarified ISAs as a result of a review for consistency and other matters of clarity; they will be made available on the IAASB's website in early 2009.

The IAASB considers that, with its approval of the final three ISAs (subject to PIOB approval) and its review of consistency, its work in redrafting its international standards under the Clarity Project is now complete.

The complete set of clarified ISAs will be effective for audits of financial statements for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2009. The ISAs can be downloaded free-of-charge from the IFAC online bookstore at <http://www.ifac.org/store>. The IAASB also plans to publish the set of clarified ISAs in a handbook, expected to be released in April 2009.



Students' Section

Paper Setters/Examiners

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) invites applications from Chartered Accountants and other suitably qualified persons for appointment as Paper Setters/Examiners for the following subjects:

Foundation Examination (Modules A and B)

- Functional English
- Quantitative Methods
- Introduction to Economics and Finance
- Introduction to Financial Accounting
- Mercantile Law

Intermediate Examination (Module C and D)

- Financial Accounting
- Taxation
- Business Communication & Behavioural Studies
- Company Law
- Cost Accounting
- Auditing
- Information Technology

Interested candidates are requested to send their applications to Director Examinations, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan, Chartered Accountants Avenue, Clifton, Karachi.

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Open Book Examination for Business Finance Decisions

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan has decided to introduce open book examinations in the subject of Business Finance Decisions (BFD). Accordingly students will be allowed to carry any three books of their choice while appearing in the paper of Business Finance Decisions of Module F.

The above decision shall be applicable from Summer 2009 examination and onwards.

Change in Timings of Foundation and Intermediate Examinations - Spring 2009

It has been a practice for quite sometime that the papers of Foundation examination (Modules A & B) were held during the morning session whereas the papers of Intermediate examination (Modules C & D) were held during the afternoon session.

Due to certain administrative reasons, the plan has been changed with effect from Spring 2009. Now the papers of Intermediate (Modules C & D) will be held during the morning session and the papers of Foundation (Modules A & B) will be held during the afternoon session.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programme

Date	Seminar / Workshop	Speaker	Venue
Held & Planned November 19, 2008	National and International Economic Crisis	Muneer Kamal, Zubair Motiwala Najamul Hussain (Session Chairman)	Karachi
January 15, 2009	Second Wave of IFRS	Syed Fahim ul Hasan Najamul Hussain (Session Chairman)	Karachi