Thursday 19th April, 2007

Day Chairman: Prof. Georges Selim Phd, Cass Business School, London, UK

8.30-9.00  Registration

9.00-9.45  Keynote Speakers: Mauro Di Gennaro (CAE Fiat, VicePresident AIIA); Carolyn Dittmeier (CAE Poste Italiane; President AIIA): “Interpersonal Skills During the Internal Audit Process and the Corporate Reputation of the CAE”

9.45–11.15  Session A – Internal Audit Knowledge, Skills and Innovation
Houdini Fourie, Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa: “Internal Auditing and Communication: A South African Perspective”

11.15-11.45  Coffee

11.45 – 13.15  Session B – Factors influencing Internal Auditing Practices
Joe Christopher, Curtin University, Australia - Gerrit Sarens MSc, University of Gent, Belgium: “The influence of principles and guidelines on corporate governance and internal auditing practices: a comparison between Australia and Belgium”
Gerrit Sarens MSc, University of Gent, Belgium: “The relationship between the control environment and the size of the internal audit function in Belgium”

13.15-14.15  Lunch, sponsored by the Italian Institute of Internal Auditors

14.15-15.45  Session C – Internal Audit Activities and Engagements
Prof. Georges Selim Phd - Sally Woodward, Cass Business School, UK - Prof. Marco Allegrini - Dr. Elena Bandettini Phd, University of Pisa, Italy: “Internal Auditing and Consulting Practice: a Comparison between UK and Ireland and Italy”
Andreas G. Koutoupis, MSc, PhD (Cand.), MIIA, PIJA, CCSA - Prof. Anastasios Tsamis, MA, PhD, Panteion University, Athens, Greece: “Risk Based Internal Auditing within Greek Banks – A Case Study Approach”

15.45-16.15  Coffee

16.15-17.00  Marlene Davies, University of Glamorgan, UK: “Effective working relationships between Audit Committees and Internal Audit - the cornerstone of corporate governance in local authorities”

18.00-19.00  Visit to “Piazza del Duomo” and “Museo del Duomo”

19.00-22.00  Conference Dinner at “Museo dell’Opera” Piazza del Duomo, Pisa
Friday 20th April, 2007

Day Chairman: Dr. Robert Melville Phd, Cass Business School, London, UK

9.00-9.30  Keynote Speaker: Curtis C. Verschoor (L & Q Research Professor, School of Accountancy and MIS; DePaul University, Chicago; Research Scholar, Bentley College, USA): “Ethics and Compliance: Challenges for Internal Auditing”.

9.30-11.00  Session D - Internal Audit, Ethics and Social Responsibility
Kato Plant, University of Pretoria, South Africa: “The role of the internal audit activity. in assessing the ethical culture of an organisation”
Prof. P. Palmer - M. Bogdanova, Cass Business School, UK: “Stakeholder involvement in corporate decision making – Fantasy or reality? An opportunity for Internal Auditing”

11.00-11.20  Coffee

11.20 – 12.50  Session E - Organisation of the Internal Audit Function
Prof. Marco Allegrini Phd – Dr. Giuseppe D’Onza Phd, Francesca Meini, University of Pisa, Italy: “Internal Auditing in Large Italian Business Groups: the "Delegation Model"
Prof. Paolo Roffia Phd, University of Verona, Italy: “The Internal Auditing Function In Italian Listed Companies: State Of Art And Future Perspective: Results of an Empirical Research”

12.50-13.50  Lunch

13.50 – 15.20  Session F - Corporate governance and company's performance
Prof. Mohammad J. Abdolmohammadi, DBA, CPA - William J. Read, Bentley College, USA: “Corporate Governance Ratings and Financial Restatements”
Ruth V. Aguilera, University of Illinois, USA - Igor Filatotchev, King’s College London, UK: “An Organizational Approach to Comparative Corporate Governance: Costs, Contingencies, and Complementarities”

15.20-15.40  Coffee

15.40 – 17.10  Session G – Internal Audit, Corporate Governance and the Regulatory Framework
Dr. Patrizia Tettamanzi Phd - Prof. Alessandro Cortesi Phd, Cattaneo University, Italy: “The Corporate Governance (CG) in Italy after the Approval of Law 262/2005. The Impacts on Internal Control (IC) Systems and on Internal Auditing (IA) Function”
Marika Arena - Prof. Paolo Maccarrone, Politecnico di Milano, Italy: “Corporate Governance and Codes of Conduct: how Italian companies are responding to the new Corporate Governance Code”

17.10-17.20  Conference closing session and departure