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ICMA appoints new Programme Director for its Operations Certificate Programme (OCP).

(London, UK) The International Capital Market Association (ICMA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Keith Dickinson as Programme Director, Operations Certificate Programme (OCP). Mr. Dickinson has several decades of experience in running operations departments of banks and fund managers and is also an experienced trainer in the field.

The ICMA Operations Certificate Programme is an intensive, one-week, examined course aimed at developing the knowledge and skills of those involved in securities operations in the 21st century. ICMA and the University of Reading oversee the course and examination and jointly grant the certificate to successful candidates.

In his new role, Mr. Dickinson will assume responsibility for both the running of the residential seminar, held every March in Montreux, Switzerland and the ongoing development of the curriculum in this fast changing discipline. He will also work closely with the ICMA Centre, University of Reading in integrating operations study into its degrees in financial markets.

The ICMA Centre, part of the University of Reading, has become internationally recognised as 'The Business School for Financial Markets' and provides cutting edge graduate degrees and professional education certificates in financial markets. It was also the first university to successfully submit a professional education programme for qualification under the new exam approval framework of the UK's Financial Services Authority (FSA), as administered by the Financial Services Skills Council (FSSC).

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Commenting on the appointment, Prof. John Board, Director of the ICMA Centre stated: "We are pleased to have Keith join ICMA Education with his considerable experience in the field of operations and his reputation as a first class speaker and course developer. Given our major presence in both academic and executive education, he is well fitted to supplement our curriculum in both fields as we grow our expertise in the financial markets operations arena."

Mr Dickinson has been active in the financial markets for over 30 years managing operations departments on both the buy and sell side with firms like Barclays Bank International and Eagle Star Investment Managers. For the last ten years he has also been active in running courses on operations, global custody and operational risk. He will take on his role effective immediately and will manage the next OCP residential seminar that runs from March 11 to 16, 2007.

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Notes for Editors

1. International Capital Market Association (ICMA)

The International Capital Market Association is the self-regulatory organisation and trade association representing constituents and practitioners in the international capital market worldwide. ICMA's members are located in 48 countries across the globe, including all the world's main financial centres, and currently number some 400 firms in total. ICMA performs a crucial central role in the market by providing and enforcing a self-regulatory code of industry-driven rules and recommendations which regulate issuance, trading and settlement in international fixed income and related instruments. ICMA liaises closely with regulatory and governmental authorities, both at the national and supranational level, to ensure that financial regulation promotes the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the capital market. www.icma-group.org

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