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## **ICMA announces the release of the updated IFID Syllabus**

(London, UK) As part of its response to the continuing evolution of the financial marketplace, ICMA has completely updated its International Fixed Income and Derivatives (IFID) Certificate. Now in its 33rd year the IFID Certificate (formerly known as the AIBD and GCP Certificates) has a new syllabus, including updated material on structured credit products and derivatives. All other sections of the IFID were also reviewed to ensure they remained consistent under current market practice.

The IFID course is hosted on a new Wiley Plus platform, enabling improved online and CD-ROM delivery for both the residential seminar (next seminar in Sitges, Barcelona on 25th to 31st October 2009) and for the distance learning option (self-study programme available anytime).

John Evans, Programme Director of IFID and Head of ICMA Executive Education said "We are very happy with the new Wiley Plus technology, as it allows for increased functionality from both a trainer and candidate perspective". In addition, also published by Wiley, ICMA will be providing candidates with a fully bound, soft cover version of the entire IFID content to augment the online or CD ROM version. These books will be printed by the beginning of September and all candidates will be sent their copy then. These innovations represent a very significant investment in the IFID syllabus and platform.

Note that ICMA will continue to run the older version of the IFID syllabus for those who were not successful in passing that exam and wish to resit the same version. This option will remain available, for resit candidates only, until 28 February 2010. Resit candidates are also free to sit the new version if they choose.

[Register here](#) to secure a place on this proven, internationally recognised training course. Write the exam at the end of the training week or in your own time (within six months of registration) at a local Prometric testing centre of your choice.

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Notes for editors:

### **1 ICMA Executive Education**

Since the inception of its European Seminar in 1974, the International Capital Market Association (ICMA), has been committed to providing high quality ICMA Executive Education to its members and to the market at large. The establishment by the Association of the ICMA Centre at The Henley Business School, University of Reading in 1991, and its subsequent financial support, has succeeded in creating an institution which is setting the standards in the application of financial markets training and education. The suite of ICMA Executive Education courses, which provides training for front, mid and back office functions for introductory, intermediate and specialist levels.

### **2 ICMA Centre**

The ICMA Centre at Henley Business School, University of Reading has an international reputation for undergraduate, postgraduate and executive education for the financial markets. Established in 1991 with funding provided by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) in Zurich, the Centre is housed in a purpose-built modernist building with state-of-the-art facilities including three dealing rooms. The Centre recently celebrated the opening of its new extended facilities including an additional flagship 40-seat dealing room equipped by Thomson Reuters. See: [www.icmacentre.ac.uk](http://www.icmacentre.ac.uk)

### **3 International Capital Market Association (ICMA)**

ICMA is the self-regulatory organisation representing the financial institutions active in the international capital market worldwide. ICMA's members are located in 46 countries across the globe, including all the world's main financial centres. ICMA's market conventions and standards have been the pillars of the international debt market for over 40 years, providing the self regulatory framework of rules governing market practice which have facilitated the orderly functioning and growth of the market. ICMA actively promotes the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the capital markets by bringing together market participants including regulatory authorities and governments. See: [www.icmagroup.org](http://www.icmagroup.org)

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