

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

(1) Introduction - Celebrating Success

Regional Events Programme of the Year Award

During the year there were many success stories throughout the region. In September last year the Society won best Regional Events Programme of the Year Award. This was an excellent achievement as it demonstrates that the events laid on for members are beneficial and of value to them. See page 32 for the full 2007 events programme



The prize was presented by Institute President John Butler at the Conference for the Regions in Dublin last year.

Barry Parsonage, Lee Helms and Mike Owen are pictured with the award.

The Society were proud to win the award especially as they were winners of the best Regional Website Award in 2006. This is recognition of the regions continuing success in supporting Members and Students

Final Test of Professional Competence

The Richard Morris Memorial prize was presented to the North West and North Wales region candidate who achieved the best performance in Strategic Business Management. This year the prize was won by Paul Murphy of Liverpool Council and was presented with his award by Institute President, John Butler

The Ian Wood Prize is presented for the best P3 Case study submitted by a North West and North Wales student. This year the prize was won by Jenny Ellams from St. Helens Council

New Members of the Institute

The 2007 Annual Dinner held at the Liverpool Marriott South Hotel in Liverpool on 12th October last year paid host to the presentation of certificates by the Society President to Newly Elected Members.

Members receiving their certificates from Institute President, John Butler at the Dinner were:

Natalie Cole, Helen Green
Helen Jones, Debbie Wood
Jennie Birch, Dominic Sumner
Richard Lee, Kate Hanway
Alison Swinnerton, Claire Whiting



Catherine Pulman

First Partnership Event in North Wales

In November, CIPFA was one of the organisations to jointly host a flagship North Wales event in Venue Cymru, Llandudno. Twelve organisations committed to improving leadership and management performance joined together to deliver this inspiring and motivating event. This full day conference was chaired by Rhun ap Iorwerth, TV and Radio presenter from BBC Cymru Wales. The day saw a whole host of presentations and breakout sessions from various speakers and was an overwhelming success.



In addition to hosting the event, the North West & North Wales took a stand to meet other organisations and delegates and to raise the profile of CIPFA

Ken Finch, Society Chair on the stand (left) ready to meet and greet delegates interested in knowing more about and joining up for CIPFA

North West & North Wales joins up with IPF

Last year in partnership with IPF the NWNW Society ran two events from CIPFA's new high value low cost events initiative. In fact these first events were so low cost that they were free!! The events held were 90 minute awareness sessions presented by an IPF speaker that occurred the evening before a full day intensive IPF event on the same topic. The idea of the 90 minute taster sessions are to give people a change to keep up to date with current topics, especially as they may not be able to spare the time or budget to attend the full day intensive seminar.

The events run were a project management event in Trafford in September and a Governance Framework event in Chester in November. This year we hope to continue with the initiative and run more of these events in conjunction with IPF for members benefit.

Cliff Nicholson Award

The Greater Manchester Contracts Audit Group gained a 'Highly commended' award in the 2007 Cliff Nicholson Award for Innovation and Excellence in Audit for their Contracts Audit Manual. The Group are keen for the manual to provide as much benefit as possible across the audit profession and are making it freely available to download. For further details, see the Audit Advisory Group Website at www.cipfa.org/regions/nw/audit_group.cfm

(2) **Chairman's Report**

I must admit that when I started to put pen to paper, I was surprised as to how quickly my first year as Chairman had gone. We have built on the advances achieved under my predecessor, Sue Curran, and have achieved much over what seems to be a relatively short amount of time. It is amazing that we are already a quarter of the way through 2008!

Was it really last year that Britain was awarded the 2012 Olympic Games, and have we already forgotten the devastation caused by the mass flooding or that Everton cruelly lost out on a place in the last 16 in the UEFA Cup?. I think not, but so much has happened over the last twelve months that I find it very fascinating to look back and reflect on what the Society has done and, indeed, look forward to another successful year.

Last year was all about '**partnerships and collaboration**' and how we can work with other organisations to provide an effective support network for our members and students.

We continue to build up good relationships with the other CCAB bodies and have been promoting events with CIMA where members of both Institutes in the region are invited. This is continuing in another form as we have recently started discussions with the Health Sector as to how we can help each other in offering events to our CIPFA members. Our students have been very active and successful in negotiating discounts for other organisations events that would be relevant to them.

The event in Llandudno in November (page 11) was the first step to us making a difference in the types of event we can offer to our members. Having attended the event myself, I was very impressed with the organisation and programme and look forward to us working with the partner organisations again for the event in 2008.

All of our **regional groups** have been very successful in engaging with members and generating attendance at the events they arrange. Both the Northern and Southern Section enjoy three seminars a year and the Audit Group continue to sustain a very full and flourishing programme of seminars, training and a weekend school! Supported by a new Chairman last year, the Student Forum is always looking to support students in revision topics and techniques and past paper sessions.

It was a real delight to announce the start of the new Retired Members group last year as this has previously been the only specific group we have not been able to offer in the past. The group will hold its inaugural event in the summer, which I imagine will be well attended as we have received lots of interest in the group already I may be joining myself sometime in the future!

In addition, **attendance at all events has increased** and it is good to be joined by a number of new volunteers on various council groups. This prompts me to say 'Thank You' to all the regional employers who have again taken up the opportunity to become involved in regional activities and help develop the skills and knowledge

for their staff. Without your excellent support, the Society would find it hard to function.

I was very proud to learn that our Society had won the **Regional Events Programme of the Year Award** last year as this demonstrates the commitment and dedication that our volunteers put into organising the events for the benefit of Members and Students. For this I would like to personally thank all the volunteers involved in arranging and organising the events programme as it's not an easy job. We hope to maintain such a full and interesting programme again this year but can only do this with members and students continued support in attending the events.

The **regional newsletter** is still going strong with three editions being produced on average every year. At the end of last year it was decided to make the newsletter fully electronic and send it to members via an e-mail link to the Society's website, which is worth a visit for other information. If you have not received this e-mail CIPFA probably does not hold your current e-mail details. Send them to memberservices@cipfa.org to ensure you receive future copies and are kept up to date with all the relevant regional information.

In fact, I am pleased to see that the Society is embracing the **electronic age** in other ways as well. Some of you will be familiar with fully on-line booking for events, electronic delegate packs that event attendees can choose what they need to download and the use of survey monkey for electronic feedback. In using these functions available to us we hope to be more responsive and dedicate more time to supporting members and not pushing paper (or should that be counting beans.....).

We had hoped last year to **webcast** all our events but, unfortunately, some technicalities over the relevant equipment meant that not all members would be able to access it. This year, however, we are pushing forward with this and delegates attending the AGM on 4th April in Wigan should aim to have their hair appointments made in advance and their best suits dry cleaned as this will be the first event that will be available to members to download as a web cast.

The **Regional Conference and Annual Dinner** was once again very well attended with increasing numbers on the previous year. I was very pleasing that our National Institute President, John Butler was able to attend both the Conference and the Dinner. John gave an account of what CIPFA's current priorities were during his presentation at the Conference and was one of the guest speakers at the Annual Dinner. In addition he presented certificates to the new Institute members and the awards for best results at the Final Test of Professional Competence. (see page 10)

I am very excited that the Society is going into the new year with a strong volunteer base, an increasing attendance at events and, as has been highlighted, an up and coming Retired Members Section. I would hope that 2008-09 can be one of our most successful years to date. In fact, **volunteer support** is once again a common theme that provides the thread that runs through the work the Society undertakes. Without the continued enthusiasm and spirit of its members and volunteers, I doubt we would have been able to provide half the opportunities we have. Thank you very much to all involved and especially to Shaer Halewood and David Rose for their sterling support.

Ken Finch
Society Chairman

(3) 1. Annual Performance Review 2007 – Executive Summary

Educating, Training and Continuously Developing Outstanding Members

Key Activity	Progress to Date	Activity Status
Increase attendance at all events by ensuring events are publicised well in advance	Calendar produced and publicised in November Newsletter All events now on website including SMG.	😊
Increased accessibility of event venues to encourage optimal attendance	Venues not being coordinated as yet 3 Northern Section events arranged Cross regional advertising is partly being done but waiting for CIPFA to update e-mail distribution list	😞
Delivery of a range of topics requested by delegates at future events	Sometimes many topics can requested so at present a mix of topics that have been requested are used, together with topics where there are new developments	😞
Increased delegate satisfaction from events attended	Need comment from individual group's feedback analysis. Southern Section have achieved 80%	😊
Seek to promote new member or student volunteers to individual groups or main council	Two new corporate members appointed to Council at AGM Volunteers link on website but profiles not all done as yet due to central problems with website. Template sent out	😊
Recognise the value of Volunteer Support through motivation and strong leadership	Plans being discussed for a volunteer event Student volunteer recruitment in Newsletter	😊
To identify the requirement for a retired members group	On council agenda & results published in Newsletter	😊
Increase the number of hits on the regional website through publicity at events and in the Newsletter	Information not being posted within 21 days as yet Minutes of first council meeting was posted within 21 days but not from all other groups	😞
Support new and existing student activities in the region	No students requested to be supported. Funds directed into other student activities so not applicable anymore	n/a
Providing support to students during training to increase motivation and commitment	Article in November Newsletter on hints & tips Information on students gaining full membership not sought	😊
Recognition of member and student successes	Is Planned Prize winners were presented at Annual Dinner No nominations put forward	😊 😊 😞
To attract new students into Institute	Made contact with AAT to join council but not heard back as yet Recruitment Fair attendance planned Is new student registrations beyond our control or does it link into Engaging Employers?	😞

Meeting Customer Needs and Expectations

Key Activity	Progress to Date	Activity Status
Engaging with employers to ascertain the reason for attendance or not at events	One Employers Newsletter sent out so far. Continuing communication with Local Govt at CFO's groups and action plan on agenda for next council mtg	😊
Establish links with non finance sectors to promote the CIPFA influence	No nominations put forward influenced by NWNW Council	😞
Raise the profile and highlight the influence of the Institute with private sector organisations	Discussions ongoing with new sponsorship page set up on website. One new sponsor achieved	😊
Encourage CIPFA Members in promoting the qualification at events, on panels and other networking opportunities	New speakers database being set up by Alex centrally so should help. Lee Helms spoke at student event. No information on new panel members	😊
Encourage students via the John Marriott Bursary	One student identified	😊
All Member & Student information available on website that is user friendly and easily accessible	Making good progress with on line bookings for all events now live and ideas for further initiatives being sought New Student to be trained on website Delays with CIPFA centrally on new website	😊

Setting High Standards and Delivering Best Practice in the Public Interest

Key Activity	Progress to Date	Activity Status
Ensure consistency of approach across all regional groups	Revision statements not yet completed. Assume guidelines are being adhered to but Std templates are available but also flexibility is encouraged	😊
Promote and support the benefits of mandatory CPD to members	N/a as all members have been automatically registered for CPD	n/a
Ensure the concept of CPD is advantageous to students following qualification	Issue with IPD certificates that needs to be followed up (Julia Attridge raised this). Newsletter always has CPD page	😊
Establish links with other CCAB bodies to achieve a common goal of enhancing the accountancy profession	Joint event held in November with various other groups including CCAB Bodies. Increased other CCAB attendance over 5%	😊
Establish good relationships with other CCAB bodies	Being done as usual	😊
Encourage students from other CIPFA regions or countries or CCAB bodies to attend student events	Postponed for 2007 – links into development fund bid	n/a
Introduce an initiative inspired by good practice from another Region	Implemented and being used	😊

Developing Our People and Making Best Use of our Resources

Key Activity	Progress to Date	Activity Status
Seek sponsorship for regional events or initiatives	Have held discussions with some organisations to some success. Assume the annual dinner will be sponsored to the same level as last year. Need to do some more investigation but may have some queries following sponsorship page on the web	☹️
To ensure the objectives of the Institute are achieved effectively	Although new volunteers are on Council, there is not necessarily a diverse mix e.g. no health, no Housing, no Not for Profit. We are currently in consultation with Health	☹️
A committed and enthusiastic volunteer base to promote CIPFA at a regional level	Need information from individual groups on this	Awaiting info from groups
Provide value for money at events to maximise delegate attendance		😊
Ensure best practice across the region and minimise duplication of effort	Action started with a meeting with CIPFA SE on the website. Links very much so into the regional structures debate and I will follow this up with other regions. Conf 4 Regions is ideal opportunity (best practice)	😊
To monitor activities against budget		😊
To ensure the region is conducting its affairs effectively	Indicators set are to be measurable and achievable 71% of indicators set have been met	☹️

Key:

- 😊 Achieved in full (16)
- ☹️ Partly achieved/significant progress being made (12)
- ☹️ Not achieved at all/little progress made (3)

(4) **2. Activity Levels – All events 2007**

Activity	Attendance Statistics			
	2005	2006	2007	2007 Increase
Regional Annual General Meeting	38	40	78	49%
Regional Annual Dinner	104	117	91	-28%
Regional Conference	84	85	121	29%
Senior Management Group Seminars (4)	75	75	63	-19%
Audit Training & Seminars (6)	308	271	318 *	n/a
Audit Weekend School	123	127	118	-7%
Student Training & Seminar (6)	177	156	86**	n/a
Southern Section Seminar (3)	107	156	150	-4%
Northern Section Seminar	n/a	63	128	51%
Total Attendance #	1,016	1,090	1,124	3%
Total number of members/students in Region	2,171	2,190		
Activity Indicator	47%	50%		
	2005	2006	2007	2007 Increase
# Total Attendance	1,016	1,090	1,124	3%
<i>Made up of:</i>				
- CIPFA Members	691	622	397	
- CIPFA Students	258	237	182	
Aggregate number of members/students in Region	2,171	2,190		
<i>Made up of:</i>				
- CIPFA Members	1,757	1,766		
- CIPFA Students	414	395		
Activity Indicators	47%	50%		
<i>Made up of:</i>				
- CIPFA Members	46%	35%		
- CIPFA Students	62%	60%		
Proportion of first time attendees	31%	7%	11%	

* there were 7 Audit Group events held in 2007

** there were 5 Student Group events held in 2007

Honorary Treasurer's Report

The Society's outturn position for the year ending 31 December 2007 was a deficit of £9,400 which reflects the Society's efforts to more broadly match expenditure with income and to reduce historic surpluses to the benefit of members and students in the Region.

Investment income improved by 50%, reflecting the higher interest rates nationally. Income from courses, conferences and other activities rose by £3,000 reflecting the success that the Audit Group, the Southern Section and the re launched Northern Section in attracting regional members to attend.

Although the Society cannot continue to operate at such a significant deficit the funds available are still substantial and the Society's overall financial position is healthy.

David Latimer

Honorary Treasurer

**FIVE YEAR SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Income	59,174	70,453	82,640	86,963	88,064
Expenditure	<u>60,915</u>	<u>73,913</u>	<u>74,372</u>	<u>86,392</u>	<u>98,508</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources	<u>(1,741)</u>	<u>(3,460)</u>	<u>8,268</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>(9,444)</u>

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

To the Members of the North West & North Wales Region of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. I, Ian Lowdon have audited the accounts of CIPFA North West & North Wales Society for the year ended 31 December 2007 and confirm that the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the North West & North Wales Society at 31 December 2007 and that they have been compiled in compliance with financial regulations.

Signed (Honorary Auditor)

Ian Lowdon
Qualifications
31 March 2008

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER**

Note	2007 £	2007 £	2006 £	2006 £
Incoming Resources				
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</i>				
Advancing public finance and promoting best practice	70,939		67,768	
Educating and training students	<u>45</u>			
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>				
Donations			500	
Investment income	<u>1,906</u>		<u>1,250</u>	
<i>Other incoming resources:</i>				
Subvention	16,174		17,419	
Total Incoming Resources		<u>89,064</u>		<u>86,963</u>
Resources Expended				
<i>Charitable activities:</i>				
Advancing public finance and promoting best practice	81,049		72,096	
Educating and training students	2,266		5,665	
Regulating and supporting members	<u>8,619</u>		<u>4,522</u>	
<i>Governance:</i>				
Regional Council and audit	6,574		4,109	
3 Total Resources Expended		<u>98,508</u>		<u>86,392</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		<u>(9,444)</u>		<u>570</u>
<i>Gains/(losses) on investment assets:</i>				
Net Movement in Funds		<u>(9,444)</u>		<u>570</u>
Funds Balances Brought Forward at 1 January		<u>68,100</u>		<u>67,530</u>
Funds Balances Carried Forward at 31 December		<u>58,656</u>		<u>68,100</u>

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER**

Note	2007 £	2007 £	2006 £	2006 £
	Fixed Assets			
4	Investments			
	Current Assets			
	Stocks			
5	Debtors and Prepayments		4,559	
6	Investments			
	Cash at bank and in hand		<u>79,054</u>	
	Current Liabilities			
7	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>15,513</u>	
	Net Current Assets			
		<u>58,656</u>		<u>68,100</u>
	Represented By:			
	Capital Funds			
	Restricted Funds:			
8	Trust Funds		26,620	
	Income Funds:			
9	Designated Funds		20,000	
10	Other Charitable Funds		21,480	
		<u>58,656</u>		<u>68,100</u>

Signed on behalf of on 31 March 2008

Name
Chairman

Name
Honorary Secretary

Name
Honorary Treasurer

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER**

	2007 £	2007 £	2006 £	2006 £
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Operating Activities	(9,444)		570	
Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance				
Investment Income				
Interest Paid				
Capital Expenditure and Financial Investments				
Purchase of tangible assets				
Proceeds from Sale of Investments				
Purchase of Investments				
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow)		<u>(9,444)</u>		<u>570</u>

Notes to cash flow statement

1	2007 £	2006 £
Changes in resources before revaluations	(9,444)	570
Investment income		
Depreciation charges		
(Increase) Decrease in Debtors	(17,317)	688
(Increase) Decrease in Stocks		
Increase (Decrease) in Creditors	8,849	(4)
	<u>(17,912)</u>	<u>1,254</u>

2 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt	2007 £	2006 £
Increase/ (Decrease) in cash in the period	(17,912)	1,254
Change in net debt		
Net debt at 1 January		
Net debt at 31 December	<u>(17,912)</u>	<u>1,254</u>

3 Analysis of changes in net debt	At 1 Jan 2007 £	Cashflows £	At 31 Dec 2007 £
Cash in hand	79,054	(17,912)	61,142
Debt falling due after 1 year			
Total	<u>79,054</u>	<u>(17,912)</u>	<u>61,142</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with relevant guidance issued by the Accounting Standards Board and follow the requirements of the *Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting by Charities 2005*. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below

(a) **Accounting Convention**

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) **Investments**

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value. Those held as current assets are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(c) **Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2 EMPLOYEES

	2007 £	2006 £
Salaries and Wages (including temporary staff)		
National Insurance		
Superannuation		
Other Staff Costs		
The average number of employees was		(2006: _____)

3 SUPPORT COSTS

	Directly Attrib- utable Costs £	Apport- ioned Support Costs £	Apport- ioned Staff Costs £	Total 2007 £	Total 2006 £
Advancing public finance and promoting best practice	81,049			81,049	72,096
Educating and training students	2,266			2,266	5,665
Regulating and supporting members	8,619			8,619	4,522
Governance and audit	6,574			6,574	4,109
	98,508			98,508	86,392
Basis of apportionment					

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4 FIXED ASSETS: INVESTMENTS

	2007	2006
	£	£
(Brief description of investments held)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2007	2006
	£	£
Trade Debtors	9,907	4,559
Amounts owed by CIPFA excluding VAT	269	
VAT repayment owed by CIPFA		
Amounts owed by CIPFA Regions and Student Societies		
Owed by FSF Ltd		
Owed by IPF Ltd		
Other tax and social security		
Other debtors		
Prepayments and Accrued Income	<u>11,700</u>	<u> </u>
	<u>21,876</u>	<u>4,559</u>

6 CURRENT ASSETS: INVESTMENTS

	2007	2006
	£	£
(Brief description of investments held)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2007	2006
	£	£
Trade Creditors	20,685	14,685
Owed to CIPFA excluding VAT	3,677	
VAT owed to CIPFA		828
Amounts owed to CIPFA Regions and Student Societies		
Owed to FSF Ltd		
Owed to IPF Ltd		
Other Tax, Social Security		
Other Creditors		
Receipts in Advance	<u>24,362</u>	<u>15,513</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2007	2006
	£	£
Balance at 1 January	26,620	25,490
For the Year	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,130</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u>28,220</u>	<u>26,620</u>

9 DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Income Funds of the Institute include the following Designated Funds that have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Executive Committee for Specific Purposes.

	2007	2006
	£	£
Audit Group Fund	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>

10 OTHER CHARITABLE FUNDS

	2007	2006
	£	£
As at 1 January	21,480	22,040
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>(11,044)</u>	<u>(560)</u>
As at 31 December	<u>10,436</u>	<u>21,480</u>

11 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2007	2006
	£	£
Authorised and Contracted		
Authorised but not Contracted		

12 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

	Land and Buildings 2007 £	Other 2007 £	Land and Buildings 2006 £	Other 2006 £
Leases which expire:				
— within one year	_____	_____	_____	_____
— within two to five years	_____	_____	_____	_____
— in over five years	_____	_____	_____	_____

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

13 COST OF AUDIT AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES

	2007	2006
	£	£
Audit Fees	_____	_____
Taxation Advice	_____	_____

14 TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND RELATED PERSONS

	2007	2006
	£	£
Remuneration and honoraria		
Professional services rendered for a fee		
Travel and subsistence expenses reimbursed for costs necessarily incurred on CIPFA business	979	1,318
	<u>979</u>	<u>1,318</u>
	_____	_____

(7) 2007 Regional Events Programme of the Year Award – Events Programme

Month	Event	Details	Cost	Event Run By
February 2	Half Day Seminar (am), Wirral Museum, Hamilton Square, Birkenhead CH41 5BR	Topics Presented: Overview of the White Paper and Local Government Bill Pay Modelling/Job Evaluation Managing the changing environment in a District Council	£35 for members £20 for students	Southern Members
February 9	Audit Group AGM, Hilton Hotel, St. Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1NG	Audit Advisory Group Annual General Meeting plus presentation on A view from the Audit Commission on the CPA Use of Resources 2006 and expectations for 2007	Free	Audit Group
February 9	Change Drivers half day seminar (am), Blackpool Football Club, FY1 6GG	A half day awareness and general update session on various aspects of change and change management affecting the public sector	£20	Northern Members
March 5	Student Induction Event, Liverpool John Moores University, L3 5UX	Introduction to the new CIPFA students studying at LJMU to provide details of what support the Forum could offer to them and how that could get more involved in the Student Forum	Free	Student Forum
March 9 - 11	Audit Weekend School, Hilton Hotel, Blackpool, FY1 2JQ	Starting on Friday evening and finishing on Sunday lunchtime, this weekend provides presentations: Dodging the Dodgy Contractors The Human factor in information security Issues arising from the revised code of practice on Internal Audit Balancing Risk and Control to achieve control excellence Absolutely mad about your clients	£220 for early bookings or £245 nearer the event	Audit Group
March 14	IPDS Seminar, Liverpool John Moores University, L3 5UX	Student Forum arranged for an IPDS assessor to attend the event to provide students with guidance on the IPDS scheme	Free	Student Forum
March 22	Technical Seminar, Liverpool John Moores University, L3 5UX	A student from the Forum who had recently been through the Final Test attended the event to give students hints and tips on studying for final exams	Free	Student Forum
March 23	Society AGM, Old Trafford, Manchester, M16 0RA	Society Annual General Meeting plus Partnership Seminar with two presentations on partnership working	Free	Main Society

April 2	Risk Based Auditing Course, Red Rose Hub, Preston, PR2 5PZ	A full day formal training course covering understanding risk and audit planning and corporate governance	£130	Audit Group
April 20	Half Day Seminar (am), World of Glass Museum, St. Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1BX	Topics Presented: The Pensions Debate Financial Challenges facing Adult Services Delivering good Governance in Local Government: A Framework	£40 for members £25 for students	Southern Members
April 20	Managing Finance half day seminar (am) Wirral MBC, Birkenhead, CH44 8ED	Managing Finance in a demand led environment – the operational perspective seminar with two presentation speakers	Free	Senior Management Group
April 28	Technical Seminar, Castlefield, Manchester, M15 4GB	Exam revision event for the Certificate stage plus networking opportunities for students	Free	Student Forum
May 11	The maelstrom of change 2007 half day (am) seminar, Garstang Country Hotel & Golf Club, Preston, PR3 1YE	Topics Presented: Local Government – A Chief Executives View Groundbreaking Waste PFI Financial & Efficiency Planning in a hostile world	£35	Northern Members
May 11	Marriott/Morgan Golf Tournament, Haydock Park Golf Club	An opportunity for all members and students to participate in the Society Golf Day. The day includes lunch and evening meal and presentation on the Marriott/Morgan Plate	£35	Main Society
May 14 & 15	Investigative Interviewing Course, The Professional Excellence Centre, Wirral, CH63 7BZ	A formal two day course covering: Legislation Interviewing Practical Experience	£200	Audit Group
May 16	Technical Seminar, University of Manchester, M13 9PL	Exam revision for the Final Test of Professional Competence presented by Examiners	Free	Student Forum
May 25	Developing the Pensions Agenda half day seminar (am), Pavilion Gardens, Buxton, SK17 6XN	Topics Presented: The Pensions Agenda Developing the Pensions Service	Free	Senior Management Group
June 22	Audit Group Summer Seminar, Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool L9 5AS	Topics Presented: Financial Management in Schools Partnerships Local Government White Paper Internal Audit & the Improvement Agenda The Audit Committee – A Chair's Perspective	£60	Audit Group

June 28	Introduction to Internal Audit Course, Red Rose Hub, Preston, PR2 5PZ	A full day formal training course covering the definition and role of Internal Audit, how to plan and complete an audit, audit tools and reporting	£130	Audit Group
July 13	Half Day Seminar (am), Maritime Museum, Albert Dock, Liverpool, L3 4AQ	Topics Presented: Liverpool 08 – European Capital of Culture Facing the consequences of Job Evaluation/Equal Pay Motivating Staff through difficult circumstances	£45 for members £30 for students	Southern Members
September 7	Working with Change half day seminar (am), The Castle Green Hotel, Kendal, LA9 6BH	Presentation Topics included: Changing your Culture A contractors view on shared Services Dealing with rapid organisational change	£20	Northern Members
September 13	Internal Audit Report Writing Workshop, Red Rose Hub, Preston, PR2 5PZ	Full day formal training course covering: Assessment and Evaluation of Report Best Practice in writing reports	£130	Audit Group
September 21	Fylde Trophy Quiz, Malmaison Hotel, Manchester	The Fylde Trophy is a general knowledge quiz with specific Public Sector Rounds. For all to attend	Free	Student Forum
October 2	Motivation and Mind Mapping, University of Manchester M13 9PL	The 'SUMO' guy will be speaking the event along with an expert in mind-mapping and memory techniques to support students sitting exams	Free	Student Forum
October 11- 12	Facilitation, Communication & Presentation Skills, venue tbc	A formal training course identifying best practice for communicating and presenting when undertaking audits. Can also apply to non audit delegates	tbc	Audit Group
October 12	Annual Regional Conference, Liverpool Marriott South Hotel, Speke, Liverpool L24 8QD	Topics being presented: Financial Management driving the performance agenda How to communicate finance effectively Transforming Finance – the Role of the CFO Leadership in Financial Management How to make the most of effective recruitment Comprehensive Spending Review & Value for Money	£75 plus 10 free student places available	Main Society

October 12	Annual Dinner Liverpool Marriott South Hotel, Speke, Liverpool L24 8QD	An opportunity for new members to have their certificates presented by the National President. A relaxed but black tie evening for existing and former colleagues to get together.	£35 each or £65 for two plus free student places	Main Society
October 19	The CSR and all that half day seminar, Wigan MBC, Wigan, WN1 1YN	A seminar on the Comprehensive Spending Review with one speaker	Free	Senior Management Group
November tbc	Diploma and Final Test Event, University of Manchester, M23 9PL	The Forum are arranging for examiners for specific diploma modules and both of the final test modules to attend	Free	Student Forum
November tbc	Certificate Revision/Networking Event, Liverpool John Moores University, L3 5UX	The Forum Chair will be holding this event to provide support to new CIPFA student plus providing a chance for new students to get together and network	Free	Student Forum
November 16	Fraud Forum	Regular forum where experts attend to update on issues and delegates can share experiences	tbc	Audit Group
November 21	Spotlight North Wales – Time to Shine, full day conference, Venue Cymru, Llandudno, LL30 1BB	A full day conference organised in collaboration with several other professional bodies including ACCA, CIMA, CIPD, IoM, CMI, ILM, CIPS, MDN. The conference is a mix of presentations, break-out groups and a Leaders Forum. For further details: http://www.cipfa.org.uk/regions/nw/event_s_detailed.cfm?events_id=3389	£60 for early booking £75 there after	Southern Members

