

## IRM Activity Report for POOSH Oct 2013

The key areas of activity to report for IRM are:

1. **IRM Global Risk Awards** – entries for our Global Risk Awards close on Friday 18 October. There are a range of categories covering all aspects of risk management and the awards are open to members and non-members. For more information see [www.irmawards.org](http://www.irmawards.org). We are particularly interested in getting more entries for our new 'Excellence in the face of adversity' category, where we want people to tell the story of how they encountered problems but overcame them. If any POOSH organisation thinks that their members might be interested in this and can advertise the opportunity further, that would be most helpful.
2. **Enrolment** is open until the end of the year for the next intake for our Certificate and Diploma in Risk Management.
3. **Qualifications redevelopment** - we are currently reviewing and revising our examination structure, guided by extensive research into risk management competency frameworks around the world, with the aim of fully integrating the Certificate and Diploma, improving the student learning experience, and bringing the entire set of qualifications up to date.
4. **Risk Leaders** – our London based conference focusing on risk at board level is taking place on Monday 4 November and is on the theme of 'Risk, Values and Integrity – doing the Right Thing'. Our speakers include Margaret Heffernan, author of 'Wilful Blindness', economist Andrew Sentance and Andrew Fisher, Chief Executive of Towry.
5. **IRM Website** – we are still working on a major upgrade of IRM's website which has been in place since 2002. This project has taken much longer than we anticipated because of the complexity of the website (particularly integration with the membership database and student and examination systems) and also some supplier problems.
6. **Thought Leadership Projects** – we currently have three projects underway:
  - **Managing cost risk and uncertainty in infrastructure projects** – IRM is supporting the launch of this work, undertaken by a group of UK infrastructure providers, which looks to save the country billions of pounds by improving the way risk is incorporated into cost estimations. This report is being launched on October 22 and will be available for download from the IRM website.
  - **Cyber-risk** – a group of IRM members is working on a practical guide to cyber risk for both boards and risk practitioners. We are currently looking for organisations and individuals who would like to review their work at a consultation stage – if any POOSH members are interested, please get in touch
  - **Extended enterprise risk: managing complexity in 21<sup>st</sup> century organisations** – we also have a group of IRM members looking at this subject and we expect to release a consultation version of their report during November.
7. **IRM Annual Lecture** – you should all receive invitations to our Annual Lecture, which is taking place on 4 December in London. Our speaker is the urban artist Pure Evil, who will be talking about art, risk and life. See: <http://www.theirm.org/events/EVlecture.htm>
8. **Chartered status and Certification** – IRM is currently looking at options for introducing 'Certified' status for its qualified members as well as making the initial moves towards obtaining Chartered status for the Institute. The first we expect to achieve within the next year, the second we anticipate will take a lot longer.

Further details on all of the above are available from [www.theirm.org](http://www.theirm.org) or contact [Carolyn.williams@theirm.org](mailto:Carolyn.williams@theirm.org)