

The UK Inter-Professional Group

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Working Party on Professional Regulation

Notice of a Meeting to be held on Monday 2nd March 2009 at 1430
at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
12 Great George Street, Parliament Square, London, SW1P 3AD

Agenda

Item 1 – Introduction and Attendance

Item 2 – Minutes (3rd November 2009 meeting)

Item 3 - Matters Arising, not elsewhere on the agenda

- Item 3. Para 3 – **IMI System**. The previous meeting reviewed the 'Pilot' of the use of the IMI system in the context of the MRPQ Directive. Piloting has now started on the use of the IMI for the Services Directive; any initial feedback would be welcome.
- Item 4. Para 5 – **Data Protection and Freedom of Information**.
- Item 4. Para 6 – The **web-site** is now running and all meeting papers are being put on the web-site and members informed by use of the 'E-Mailer' function. Notification of meetings etc does rely on the Secretary being informed of any changes in representation.
- Item 7. Para 17 – **NARIC**. See Item 4 for Main Group presentation; Powerpoint slides used in the presentation are on the Meetings - Main Group pages of the web-site. Since then, UKIPG has been invited to be represented on the NARIC Quality Standards Group. Katrina Smyth of ACCA offered to attend on behalf of UKIPG and attended the meeting on 11th February. Other offers to attend were made later by ICAEW and RPSGB. As notice was short, Katrina's offer was accepted. We can now review representation at the next Main Group meeting.

Item 4 - Main Group Discussion and Working Party's Previous Report

- See UKIPG Papers UKIPG.P35 and 42.08 and Minutes extract attached.
- Report on NARIC Presentation.

Item 5 – Regulation Matters of Various Professions

- Health Profession Regulation issues arising from White Paper '*Trust, assurance and safety: the regulation of health professionals*' (Cm7013), the Office of Health Professions Adjudication' (OHPA), and the Health and Social Care Act 2008.
- Legal Professions Regulation, following the Legal Services Act. Report by Secretary on *Confederation Fiscale Europeene* Conference on Professional Affairs, Brussels, 26th November 2008 (paper attached)
- Other Professional Areas; reports, issues and questions from around the table.

Item 6 - Better Regulation / Risk and Regulation Issues

- Risk and Regulation Advisory Council – update from Chairman.
- BERR Consultation: 'Regulatory Budgets – A Consultation Document'. See ICAEW response attached.
- Brief Report by UKIPG Chairman on and address by Dr Colin Church - the Managing Director of Regulatory Innovation at the Better Regulation Executive relating to 'Fairer Access'
- Response to the Alan Milburn initiative, the Panel on Fair Access to the Professions, and the current 'Call for Evidence.' NB: David Knott, head of the panel's secretariat will address the Main Group Meeting on 30th March.

Item 7 - Activities of Other WP's and Forum's

- **International and CEPLIS Matters.** CEPLIS Working parties on 'Health Regulation' and on 'Services and Regulation'. CEPLIS final position on proposed Patients Rights Directive.
- **Corporate Governance Group.** Minutes of meeting of 19th January, including presentation on 'Risk and Governance – Why Risk Matters'.
- **CPD Forum Conference on 27th January.** Debate on the motion that 'This house believes that CPD is best left to individual professionals; mandatory CPD distorts the natural desires for and processes of learning
- **Professional Ethics Network.** Meeting on 12th March at Leeds University on 'Integrity' led by Anne Davis of the ICAEW on Thursday 12 March 2009, 6.15 - 8.15 pm

Item 8 – Forthcoming Legislation

- Bills before Parliament 2008-09 from link <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/>

Item 9 - Any Other Business