

# Germany Newsletter February 2014

Update from your CIMA Germany contact: Raymond Gann

Keeping in touch



## Review of 2013

CIMA continued to show a greater interest in Germany and was rewarded by both a greater response on the part of CIMA members and students in Germany and by a greater interest in CIMA on the part of German academia. I would like to deal with each of these points individually.

### Increased CIMA interest in Germany

Professor Robert Luther from the University of the West of England (and a CIMA member) spoke at the November AGiG seminar about “German Controllers in a globalised and knowledge based world”. A lot of his material was drawn from the work of research students he has working in Germany.

CIMA Council Member responsible for the EMENA region, Hilary Parker (based in France) attended the November AGiG seminar. The German-French axis may have passed its sell-by date in terms of EU politics, but it is alive and well in CIMA and we continue to be thankful for Hilary’s advocacy of Western Europe in the CIMA corridors of power.

### Increase in activity by CIMA Members and Students in Germany

At the moment the main vehicle for CIMA members to meet in Germany are the biannual AGiG seminars. The average CIMA attendance at the seminars in the last couple of years has increased from three or four to twelve or thirteen. At this rate we are getting close to holding a CIMA Germany event. Keep it up.

For those working in companies with an international interest – you can contact me for promotional CIMA material you may want to circulate to your managers/ hierarchy.

### Greater interest in CIMA on the part of German academia.

In September I attended the “Campus for Controlling” at the WHU Otto Beisheim at Vallendar near Koblenz. I had the opportunity to meet Professors Jürgen Weber and Utz Schäffer who enjoy pretty much a demigod status in the world of German Controlling. They very kindly invited me to lunch in November and conveyed to me their strong interest in CIMA. Do not be surprised if one of them turns up for the AGiG May seminar!

Following on from last year’s special edition on Controlling, WHU has requested the following “we would like to invite you once again to take part in a little survey that will be published in our issue in **April 2014**. It will feature **controllers as “business partners”**. Peter Simons CIMA Technical Specialist turned in a terrific response which I look forward to seeing published. Details will be posted on the CIMA Germany web page at [www.cimaglobal.com](http://www.cimaglobal.com).

## Future event(s) ...Dates for diaries

The next AGiG seminar will be held on Wednesday 7 May 2014 at the Dorint Hotel in Frankfurt. Malcolm Furber, CIMA President, will be speaking on 'CIMA after CCAB'. Malcolm is a strong proponent of increased CIMA visibility in Western Europe and it would be very gratifying if we could get a big CIMA turnout then. Don't forget that we had Glynn Lowth last year.

IFRS will be the big topic at this seminar: among the speakers will be old favourite Doug Nelson an accomplished and witty purveyor of accounting topics. Here is a chance to swallow a well-sugared dose of accounting medicine.

For the full programme details please go to [www.agig.de](http://www.agig.de)

The 70<sup>th</sup> AGiG seminar will be held on Tuesday 7 October 2014 at the Hilton in Stuttgart. I can already confirm that AGiG has already booked two top speakers in: Martin Edelmann the German representative on the IASB. This is quite a coup for AGiG. Also Professor Sören Dressler a leading authority on Business Process Outsourcing. Professor Dressler was a big hit when he spoke in 2006 at AGiG and we are glad to welcome him back

## For students: Taking the CIMA exams

I continue to receive queries regarding CIMA examination centres in Germany. The old centre for Professional exams at Rheindalen near Mönchengladbach has been **closed**. Until further notice the only CIMA examination centre in Germany is now at Gütersloh.

## Latest News

Also, Students/Employers please note. CIMA's 2015 syllabus was officially launched on 11 February 2014.



For more information please go to:

<http://www.cimaglobal.com/2015-syllabus/>

I hope this Newsletter encourages you to feel that even when working in Germany you are still very much part of the CIMA family with a qualification which continues to grow in importance in Germany in a way that is commensurate with the international standing it already enjoys.

Kind regards

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