

Germany Newsletter October 2013

Update from your CIMA Germany contact: Raymond Gann

Keeping in touch



I am pleased to advise that the number of CIMA members/students in Germany is growing. Currently there are approximately 400 of us, so do not feel that you are alone!

Indeed, if you would like become more involved in CIMA discussions I would recommend the CIMA Group on LinkedIn where there has been a lively thread on CIMA in Germany. There is also a German CIMA Group on Xing. Also, always feel free to contact me at: r.gann@mod-gruppe.de on any CIMA related issue.

Plus we look forward to meeting you if you are able to come along to any of the events organised, next one being the 14 November ...read on . . .

Past event(s)

The May seminar of the Accountants Group was a great opportunity to network as well as getting some useful updates including for example CIMA Past President Glynn Lowth on "Outsourcing and shared services – lean or mean" and ICAEW IT Faculty expert Kirstin Gillon on "Cloud computing and beyond, what global IT means for business" All slides from past seminars are available under www.agiq.de/past

Future event(s)

The next AGiG seminar will be held on Thursday 14 November at the Dorint Hotel in Frankfurt. One of the speakers will be Professor. Robert Luther from the University of the West of England (and a CIMA member). He will be speaking on "German Controllers in a globalised and knowledge based world."

I am also delighted to advise that the CIMA Council Member responsible for the EMEA region, Hilary Parker (based in France) will be attending. This offers a great networking opportunity and the chance to speak to your Council member. For full programme details please go to www.agiq.de

Recognition of CIMA

Despite the growing numbers CIMA is still relatively unknown by German employers and hence I would like to remind you that "Recognition of CIMA Qualification" can be issued for cases where Member encounter employers or organisations who are not able to assess the value of the CIMA qualification. This may help in dealing with the unit of the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce responsible for assessing foreign qualifications (IHK FOSA). However progress is being made in raising the awareness about CIMA in Germany. In the "Sonderheft 1/2013 issue of "Zeitschrift für Controlling und Management" a German trade journal edited by Prof. JürgenWeber and Prof. Utz Schäffer of the WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management coverage was given to CIMA. And the qualification was seen as particularly relevant for German Controllers with international ambitions.

We need to broaden the appeal of CIMA in Germany. We should consider both setting up Employer training programmes and incorporating CIMA into university degree courses. Your thoughts on the subject would be welcome.

For students: Taking the CIMA exams

I continue to receive queries regarding CIMA examination centres in Germany. Currently the only centre for Professional exams is at Rheindalen near Mönchengladbach. CIMA students in Germany now have access to Pearson VUE centres for computer based exams. Click on this links to find your nearest one:

<https://wsr.pearsonvue.com/testtaker/registration/SelectTestCenterProximity/CIMA/159042>

And good luck to those of you who have entered the November exams.