CFA ATLANTIC CANADA INVITES ICANS MEMBERS TO A COMPLIMENTARY EDUCATION EVENT

The Board of the Atlantic Canada CFA Society is pleased to invite ICANS members to a special education event on **August 31, 2010** in the Schooner Room of Casino Nova Scotia in Halifax. This event is sponsored by the CFA Institute Public Awareness Fund and the Atlantic Canada CFA Society.

**Harry S. Marmer**, CFA, MBA, Executive Vice President of Institutional Investment Services at Hillsdale Investment Management Inc. will address participants with his presentation on, “Why is Everyone Calling it the New Normal if it is Not Normal?”

In particular, Mr. Marmer will speak about the world as we knew it, whether this is the ‘new normal’ and what the investment implications are for institutional investors. Investors are still shell shocked from the “great credit crisis” that we recently underwent. This presentation will review our experiences in markets and discuss recent events from the perspective of capital market history including examining such questions as: What happened to traditional theory?; What worked and did not work?; and, Will these factors persist? It will then present strategies for the institutional investor to consider in the future including: Is it time to shift to Liability Driven Investing?; How to capture the equity risk premium with less volatility?; and, Is small cap dead?

Whether your organization or clients invest, sponsor a pension plan, seek capital from the markets or you have an interest in understanding the current considerations of large investors in the Canadian marketplace, this session will be of value and interest to you.

There is no registration fee for Atlantic Canada CFA Society or ICANS members to attend. Registration and a buffet luncheon will take place from 11:45 am to 12:30 pm, with Mr. Marmer’s presentation and a Q & A session to follow from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

The registration deadline is **August 26th**. To register, please click on: [http://www.icans.ns.ca/media//documents/CFAeduc event.pdf](http://www.icans.ns.ca/media//documents/CFAeduc event.pdf) - you can fax your registration form to (902) 423-4505 or send it via email to Cheryl Arsenault at carsenault@icans.ns.ca. To read a biography on Mr. Marmer, please click on: [http://www.icans.ns.ca/media//documents/HarryMarmer.pdf](http://www.icans.ns.ca/media//documents/HarryMarmer.pdf).

Note: ICANS members in attendance will have 1.0 PD hour recorded in the ICANS Database towards the ICANS PD Requirements.

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**NOTICE OF CICA ANNUAL MEETING**

The 108th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants of Canada (CICA) will be held on **September 22, 2010** in the Wildrose South Room of the Sheraton Suites Eau Claire in Calgary, AB. Sub-section 20(3) of the by-laws permits members to be represented by proxy at any annual or special meeting of members of the Institute and provides that no proxy shall be exercised by a person who is not a member of the Institute. If any member wishes to be represented by proxy, any proper form may be used. As a convenience to members, however, a form of proxy has been posted on the CICA website at [http://www.cica.ca/about-the-profession/cica/board-of-directors/item38608.pdf](http://www.cica.ca/about-the-profession/cica/board-of-directors/item38608.pdf).

Proxies for use at the meeting should be returned promptly to the attention of **Walter Palmer**, Fasken Martineau LLP, 66 Wellington Street, West, Suite 4200, Toronto Dominion Bank Tower, Box 20, Toronto-Dominion Centre, Toronto, ON, M5K 1N6.
HOW ACADIA ALUMNI CAs CAN HELP MENTOR ASPIRING STUDENTS
As reported in the Acadia University Bulletin (Summer 2010, page 38), the university’s LINC Mentoring Program has evolved into a successful initiative that links Acadia students, past, present and future. The program is comprised of three segments: (1) Keyboard Connections - linking potential students with current students online; (2) Campus Connections - linking first-year students with upper year students; and (3) Alumni Connections - linking upper year students with Acadia alumni in their area of career interest.

To this end, past Alumni Connections mentor and ICANS Member Mike Kennedy, CA, Senior Consultant, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Halifax, was matched with Jennifer Bond during her fourth year in the Bachelor of Business Administration program. Jennifer wanted to pursue a Chartered Accountant designation, but didn’t know what to expect from this career or how to go about becoming a CA. Through the LINC Alumni Connections program, Mike shared his own experiences in becoming a CA, helping Jennifer to transition from university to career life. As Mike reflects: “This is a very important program, as it relates to establishing a tangible linkage between alumni and current students.”

Today, Jennifer is a CA student working with WBLI Chartered Accountants in Bedford and is scheduled to write the UFE this September. Upon reflection, Jennifer says her LINC experience helped get her where she is, adding: “It was enjoyable and helpful, because now I have a contact who is a Chartered Accountant outside of the firm I work for. Overall, a great experience.”

To learn more about LINC or to apply to be a mentor, visit linc.acadiau.ca or contact Matthew Kilfoil, Vice-President LINC Alumni Connections, at linc.alumni@acadiau.ca.

UPDATED CATO WEBSITE
The CATO website has recently been updated to provide the 2010 edition of the Practical Experience Requirements (PER), updated FAQs and the support materials to reflect modifications made to the PER.

To learn more, visit www.icans.ns.ca and click on the following button:

ENGAGEMENT OF AUDITORS REQUEST FOR AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
The Canadian Naval Memorial Trust is the owner and custodian of HMCS SACKVILLE. By Act of Parliament in 1985, the ship was designated as Canada’s Naval Memorial. The Trust has approximately 800 members and is managed by a small, part-time staff that reports to a Board of Directors. It is a registered Canadian Charity, and for all practical purposes, a volunteer organization. The Trust, as part of its Governance review, now wishes to retain the services of another auditor to prepare annual financial statements, Government documents as required and to provide advice to the Trust.

Firms and individuals who are members in good standing of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia (ICANS) who are interested in being considered for this assignment should e-mail a two page summary of qualifications and experience to the undersigned not later than August 25, 2010. A short list of three will be selected for an interview and further discussions.

George Borgal, Executive Director
Canadian Naval Memorial Trust
exdir@hmcssackville.ca

CPD REQUIREMENTS – 3 YEAR CYCLE ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010
Members are reminded that the conclusion of the 3 year reporting cycle is fast approaching. By December 31, 2010, members, unless otherwise exempted in accordance with the PD Committee policies (Bulletin # 4), are required to complete the following PD learning activities within the period January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2010:
• 120 Total hours; and
• 60 Verifiable hours.

Members are referred to Bulletin # 2 for further information concerning what qualifies as PD learning activities, as well as “verifiable” learning activities.

Members are encouraged to review their reported hours for 2008 and 2009 to ascertain the number of hours they will need to undertake in 2010 in order to be in compliance by the end of 2010.

Members who intend to meet their PD requirements by taking ICANS’ PD courses (being offered through the remainder of 2010) are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible as the PD offerings do have size limits. NOTE: The ICANS Fall/Winter 2010 PD Catalogue has been mailed to members and is now available on the ICANS website at: http://www.icans.ns.ca/media/documents/PDFallBrochure.pdf.
OPTIMISM PLATEAUS AMONG EXECUTIVE CAs: CICA/RBC BUSINESS MONITOR

According to the most recent CICA/RBC Business Monitor (Q2 2010) — as announced in a media release issued by the CICA on July 27, 2010 — optimism about the Canadian economy among executive Chartered Accountants is leveling off after sharply rebounding over several quarters. Fifty-seven per cent of respondents are optimistic about the economy over the next 12 months, consistent with 61 per cent in the first quarter of 2010 when allowing for the margin of error. The top two reasons cited for the current optimism were Canadian consumer confidence levels and low interest rates.

On a positive note, optimism levels are well above where they were a year ago (28 per cent) and considerably higher than the two per cent recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008. In fact, optimism remains close to the peak reached in the second quarter of 2007 (67 per cent).

“Significant distance has been travelled on the journey toward economic recovery, but many executive CAs are not prepared to let their guard down,” said CICA President and CEO Kevin Dancey, FCA. “Uncertainty lingers with 38 per cent of the respondents being neutral about what lies ahead for the Canadian economy. Many executive CAs appear to be taking a wait and see approach.”

Fifty-eight per cent of respondents are optimistic about their company’s future over the next 12 months. That optimism is echoed with almost 50 per cent of respondents expecting their company to grow faster than the Canadian economy, while 23 per cent anticipate growth at the same rate and 27 per cent expect growth to be slower.

“The respondents’ cautiously optimistic view of the economic future of Canada and their own organizations indicates a positive, but pragmatic, outlook for future growth,” adds Shauneen Bruder, Executive Vice President, Business and Commercial Banking, RBC Royal Bank. “Interestingly, regardless of the perceived state of the economy, for three years now, respondents have indicated their top challenges are competition (68 per cent) and customer demand (50 per cent).”

The CICA/RBC Business Monitor also shows positive projections for the next 12 months relating to revenues (+3.7 per cent), profits (+3.5 per cent) and employment numbers (+1.4 per cent).

The CICA/RBC Business Monitor is issued quarterly, based on a survey conducted by the CICA. The report draws upon business insights of CAs in leadership positions in privately and publicly held companies across Canada. For the Q2 2010 report, emailed surveys were completed by 412 CAs of 4,007 identified by the CICA as holding senior positions (CFOs, CEOs and COOs). The response rate was 10 per cent, with a margin of error associated with this type of study at ± 4.8 per cent, with a confidence level of 95 per cent. The survey was conducted between June 8 and 30, 2010.

The CICA/RBC Business Monitor (Q2 2010) is part of an international initiative. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) in the United States and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) in the United Kingdom also undertake quarterly studies that tap the insights of members in senior positions to provide a barometer of economic activity in their nations and as a basis for future comparative analysis across countries. A background document is available online at www.cicarbcbusinessmonitor.com.

CANADA’S CAs HELPING REPORT USERS PREPARE FOR IFRS CHANGEOVER

In a media release issued on July 20, 2010, the CICA announced a new publication that will help users of external financial reports better understand the potential impacts of Canada’s transition to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The IFRS Changeover: A Guide for Users of Financial Reports provides a perspective for users of external financial reports on matters arising from Canada’s imminent transition to IFRS and reviews its potential impact on performance metrics and financial statements.

“Financial report users need to distinguish reported performance changes caused by the transition to international standards from those caused by changes in business,” said Chris Hicks, Principal, Guidance and Support, CICA. “Differences will vary from entity to entity, even within the same industry sector.”

Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for publicly accountable enterprises will convert to the international standards beginning in 2011. These global accounting standards should improve international financial reporting comparability in an increasingly global business environment.

“Hopefully, Canadian companies will effectively summarize the financial reporting impacts of the changeover to report users,” added Hicks. “It is important that users understand the extent to which prior reported performance has varied.”

Members of audit committees and preparers may also find the guide a useful reference. The guide is published by the CICA’s Canadian Performance Reporting Board and can be accessed at: www.cica.ca/cpr.
ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD SEEKS STAKEHOLDER COMMENT ON DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

The Accounting Standards Board (AcSB) issued a media release on July 29, 2010, announcing an ‘Invitation to Comment’ re: Accounting Standards in Canada: Building on New Directions 2011-2014. Anyone with an interest in financial reporting in Canada is encouraged to review the proposed strategic plan and provide input on the broad policy objectives that will determine the Board’s strategy for the next three years.

“It is vital that stakeholders provide comments to help guide this planning process. The Board’s strategy has a direct effect on financial reporting activities and this is the public’s chance to have a say,” said Tricia O’Malley, Chair of the Accounting Standards Board.

The Board has almost completed all of the initiatives set out in its current plan which spanned from 2006 to 2011. Those initiatives included the implementation of different strategies for the different categories of reporting entities, including International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), accounting standards for private enterprises, accounting standards for pension plans and accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations in the private sector.

The plan focuses on activities to support the implementation of each of the Board’s strategies, rather than proposing any major changes and it examines the roles, structures, processes and resources of the Board. It also reinforces the Board’s commitment to improve communications and ensure that stakeholders are well informed and have opportunities to provide input. The draft plan was developed in consultation with the Accounting Standards Oversight Council (AcSOC).

“The proposed strategic plan supports Canada’s need to maintain its own standard-setting capacity to guide the future of standards in Canada,” said Peter Martin, Director, Accounting Standards. “Our experience in carrying out the current strategy supports the need for that capability.”

The Accounting Standards Board will review all comments received and, in consultation with AcSOC, will ensure that the final strategic plan reflects the needs and concerns of all stakeholders and users of financial reporting standards. The comments and the final approved plan will be available on the AcSB’s website at: www.acsbcanada.org.

For more information, please contact Lisa Pretty, CICA Communications Manager, Standards, at (416) 204-3482 or at Lisa.Pretty@cica.ca.

REPORTING COMPREHENSIVE INCOME: ONE STATEMENT OR TWO?

On August 10, 2010, the Accounting Standards Board (AcSB) hosted a webinar on proposed changes to how an entity presents income and expenses recognized in the period. The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) has issued an exposure draft proposing that net income and other comprehensive income be shown as separate sections of a single statement, rather than being presented in two statements. This webinar covered the details of the proposals and explained the IASB’s rationale. Participants had an opportunity to share their views and to ask questions of AcSB staff.

The webinar is of special interest to preparers, auditors and users of financial statements of publicly accountable enterprises and other entities applying the standards in Part I of the CICA Handbook - Accounting. PLEASE NOTE: If you missed the live webinar, you can access the archive using the registration link below. Listening to the archive also allows CAs to earn the one hour CPD credit upon successful completion of the Quiz. To register, click on the following link: http://www.cica.ca/service-and-products/members-services/webinar-pages/item38123.aspx

PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING BOARD (PSAB) ISSUES NEW STANDARD TO ASSIST FIRST-TIME ADOPTION OF PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

This new standard was created to ease transition issues for those organizations required to move from the CICA Handbook - Accounting to the CICA Public Sector Accounting Handbook. It provides the choice to not adopt certain aspects of the Handbook retroactively in the transition year that would otherwise have required significant additional work. It also provides guidance on what kind of information should be disclosed in the first set of financial statements.

“If you are an other government organization moving from the private sector Handbook to the public sector Handbook on or after January 1, 2011, this first-time adoption standard will make your transition easier,” said Jim Keates, Principal, Public Sector Accounting. “Don’t miss the opportunity presented by this new standard. Take some time to get familiar with it.”

To view the Public Sector Accounting Standard, Section PS 2125, visit: www.knotia.ca.
The July 2010 E-SCAN featured an article re: a new on-line resource developed by the CICA to help auditors learn more about the new Canadian Audit Standards (CAS) that are in effect for audits of financial statements. This article indicated that the date of effect for these audits of financial statements was for periods ending on or after December 4, 2010. However, the actual date is December 14, 2010.

We apologize for any confusion caused by this error and remind you that the CAS Support Tool (www.cica.ca/cas-tool) identifies the standards that are relevant for each phase of the audit process, provides links to comparative information in the existing standards, and points to learning resources.

NEW GUIDE TO ACCOUNTING STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE ENTERPRISES
The CICA has released its Guide to Accounting Standards for Private Enterprises in Canada to help you understand the new standards and prepare for transition. These new standards become Part II of the CICA Handbook - Accounting and are effective for fiscal years beginning on/after January 1, 2011 for any profit-oriented private enterprise. A free copy of the guide can be downloaded at: http://www.cica.ca/privateenterprises/site-utilities/item39844.pdf.

ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (AcSB) PROPOSES A ONE-YEAR DEFERRAL TO THE ADOPTION OF IFRSs INVESTMENT COMPANIES
This Exposure Draft provides an overview of why the AcSB issued this proposal and which entities can qualify. It also provides information re: what an entity will be required to disclose when it applies the deferral.

“Deferring the adoption of IFRSs by investment companies to interim and annual financial statements for years beginning on or after January 1, 2012 will provide time for the IASB to complete its proposal to exempt investment companies from consolidation,” said Rebecca Villman, AcSB Principal responsible for the project. “The AcSB’s and the IASB’s proposals will enable investment companies to report controlling interests in other entities at fair value and provide the most relevant information to users of their financial statements, both today and in the future.”

To view the Exposure Draft, visit: www.acsbcanada.org. Comments are due to the AcSB by August 23, 2010.

AcSB PROPOSES A TWO-YEAR DEFFERAL TO THE ADOPTION OF IFRSs BY ENTITIES WITH RATE-REGULATED ACTIVITIES
This Exposure Draft provides readers with an understanding of why the AcSB has issued this proposal, which entities could qualify and what an entity will be required to disclose when it applies the deferral.

“Given the pace of the IASB’s project in this area, entities in Canada with rate-regulated activities continue to face uncertainty about how they should account for the effects of the actions of their rate regulator at their IFRS changeover date and afterwards,” said Karen Jones, Principal with the AcSB responsible for the project. “The AcSB’s proposals will ensure that qualifying entities have the time and information they need for a quality transition to IFRSs.”

To view the Exposure Draft, visit: www.acsbcanada.org. Comments are due to the AcSB by August 31, 2010.

PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING BOARD (PSAB) ISSUES RE-EXPOSURE DRAFT FOR GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS
This Re-Exposure Draft outlines when and how a government records funding transfers it gives to other governments, organizations and individuals, as well as, when and how a government records operating and capital funding transfers it gets from other levels of government.

“Accounting for transfers is a significant issue for all levels of government,” said Tim Wiles, Chair of the PSAB Task Force that developed this Re-Exposure Draft. “We believe the Re-Exposure Draft responds to the issues raised by our constituents. The new proposals allow more scope for governments to apply professional judgment in recognizing the substance of the complex transfer arrangements they have with other levels of government in their financial statements.”

To view the Re-Exposure Draft, click on: http://www.psab-ccsp.ca/. The deadline for comments is September 15, 2010.
“Venture issuers can play an important economic role in our markets,” adds Bill Rice, Chair, Alberta Securities Commission. “These proposals aim to foster the continued success of this market by streamlining and tailoring regulatory requirements to the needs of both venture issuers and their investors.”

Venture issuers are a significant component of the equity capital markets in Canada. TSX Venture Exchange (TSXV) issuers account for approximately 62 per cent of the 3,848 issuers listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) and TSXV combined. There are additional venture issuers listed on the Canadian National Stock Exchange, as well as venture issuers that are unlisted.

“Venture issuers can play an important economic role in our markets,” adds Brenda Leong, Chair, British Columbia Securities Commission. “They directly and indirectly provide jobs, explore for new resources, serve as incubators for new technologies and are a key component of the Canadian economy.”

Many venture issuers grow and move on to more senior markets. Approximately 330 (22 per cent) of the 1,474 issuers currently listed on the TSX are graduates of the TSXV and of the 222 issuers in the S&P/TSX Composite Index, 42 (19 per cent) are graduates of the TSXV.

The consultation paper can be found at http://www.gov.ns.ca/nssc/CSANotices/csaconpaper51-40331052010.pdf and written comments on these proposals will be accepted until September 17, 2010. Some of the key features of the consultation paper include:

- Eliminating the requirement for three and nine-month interim financial statements and associated MD&A;
- Introducing an annual report that provides streamlined and simplified disclosure of the venture issuer’s business, management, governance and executive compensation replacing the current requirements for separate annual financial statements, management’s discussion and analysis (MD&A) and CEO/CFO certifications;
- Enhancing investor protections through additional substantive corporate governance requirements, such as addressing related party transactions and insider training; and
- Eliminating business acquisition reports and enhancing material change reporting.

AEFNS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Accounting Education Foundation of Nova Scotia (AEFNS) is looking for proposals or suggestions for projects which will help achieve its objectives. Members are invited to submit ideas by October 1, 2010 for projects or programs that will provide Nova Scotia educational institutions with the additional resources needed to strengthen the quality of accounting education in the province; and, improve communication with the academic community and help attract outstanding candidates to the accounting profession.

To this end, there are a wide variety of projects that fit our mission. Ideas may include curriculum development, research assistance, teaching awards, students awards, support for accounting activities and sponsorship of guest speakers, among others. Requests for support does not need to be detailed at this time — a description of the project, approximate amount of required funding and a time frame of the project will suffice.

Further information on the Foundation and the guidelines for proposal submissions are available on ICANS’ website at http://www.icans.ns.ca/events.asp?cmPageID=316 or by contacting Wenda Bennett, CA, ICANS’ Director of Professional Standards, at wbennett@icans.ns.ca or at (902) 425-3291 ext. 26.
REMINDER RE: KEY CHANGES TO EARNING A CFP DESIGNATION

Please be reminded that as of July 1, 2010, the Financial Standards Council (FPSC) has implemented some key changes to the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification program. These changes include a two-stage examination process, completion of a Capstone Course and an increase to three years of required financial planning work experience. Full details on the new program and Approved Prior Credential (APC) requirements can be found at the FPSC website at: www.fpsc.ca/cfp-certification#newrequirements. Questions? Please contact FPSC, toll free, at 1-800-305-9886 or via email at: inform@fpsc.ca.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

UPCOMING CICA PD OPPORTUNITIES
- Sept. 13 - 14 in Toronto — Conference for Audit Committees — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/cfac/about.cfm
- *Sept. 20 - 22 in Toronto — In-Depth Brokers & Investment Dealers Course — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/Brokers/about.cfm
- Oct. 6 - 7 in Ottawa — Public Sector & NPO Financial Reporting Conference — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/PublicSector/about.cfm
- *Nov. 4 - 5 in Toronto — 12th Annual Investigative & Forensic Accounting Conference — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/IAFA/about.cfm
- Nov. 13 - 17 in Whistler — Advanced Tax Issues for the Owner-Managed Business Course — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/ati/about.cfm
- Nov. 20 - 24 in Tremblant — Corporate Reorganizations Course — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/cr/about.cfm
- Nov. 23 - 24 in Toronto — CICA/IASC Foundation Conference IFRS in North America - 2010 http://www.cpd.cica.ca/ifrscconference/about.cfm
- Dec. 6 - 9 in Toronto — IFRS Immersion I Course — http://cpd.cica.ca/IFRSImmersion/

*Revised Date
For information on all CICA Continuing Education courses and products, visit: www.cpd.cica.ca.

GAIN THE EDGE!® WITH THE NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS’ SOCIETY (NSBS)

This workshop, featuring Martin Latz, international negotiation expert and author of Gain the Edge! Negotiating to Get What You Want, will be held on October 7, 2010, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, in the Schooner Room of Casino Nova Scotia. This program will teach participants how to approach negotiations with a strategic mindset. For more info and/or to register, visit: http://www.nsbs.org/news.php?news_id=139 or contact Maureen Farmer, Officer, NSBS PD & Events, at (902) 422-1491 or at mfarmer@nsbs.org.

INVEST ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

The Jameson Consulting Group is hosting its first annual one-day conference entitled, Invest Atlantic: Raising Capital for Business on October 26, 2010 at the World Trade & Convention Centre in Halifax, NS. The conference will focus on the raising of equity capital by existing businesses looking for expansion, growth and/or partnerships. Topics and speakers include:

- Introduction To Raising Equity Capital with Dr. Nauman Farooqi, Mount Allison University, NB;
- Angles, VCs or Other Forms of Capital with Jay Curry, Manager, Business Programs, ACOA, NS and Tim Burke, CEO, Tether, NS;
- Alternative to Exits with Glen Dexter, Chairman, Medusa Medical Technologies Inc., NS;
- Planning Your Exit Strategy with Jevon MacDonald, Entrepreneur in Residence, Innovacorp, NS and Trevor Gough, Managing Director, Head of CIBC Mid-Market Investment Banking, ON;
- Commercializing Ideas & Research Opportunities with Dr. Michael Mayne, Deputy Minister, Innovation & Advanced Learning, PEI and Kevin Dunn, Director of Operations, Industry Liaison & Innovation, Dalhousie University, NS;
- How To Be An Investor with Mike Grandinetti, Managing Director, Southboro Capital LLC, Boston;

The conference will also feature a ‘Pitching Den’, where four 'pitches' from capital-ready organizations will be presented to an expert panel of investors in hopes of securing capital investment. Delegates will be able to vote electronically for their favourite 'pitch' and the results will be tabulated and announced before the conference closes. For more info and/or to register, visit: www.investatlantic.ca or contact Patricia Pardy at (902) 802-2606 or at patricia@energyconsultant.ca. Note: ICANS members are eligible to receive $100 off the regular registration fee when booking on-line until midnight on August 27th. ICANS members can access this special rate by either entering the word (ICANS) in the ID Code section located under the address tab during the registration process or by clicking on the following link: https://www.eiseverywhere.com/investatlantic?discountcode=ICANS.
MORE EVENTS OF INTEREST

2010 PRACTITIONERS’ FORUM
Mark your calendar for the 2010 Practitioners’ Forum being held on October 28th at the Glengarry Inn in Truro. ICANS’ Practitioners’ Committee is preparing a full agenda of practical and interesting topics to help practitioners in managing their practices and meeting client needs. Keep watch for details and registration forms or contact Wenda Bennett at wbennett@icans.ns.ca or at (902) 42503291 ext 26.

ATLANTIC PROVINCES TAX CONFERENCE
Keeping Tax Practitioners Informed, is the title of this year’s Atlantic Provinces Tax Conference being held November 5 to 6, 2010 at Saint Mary's University, Halifax. For details, visit: http://www.ctf.ca/ctfweb/EN/Home/Conferences_and_Events/EN/Conferences_Events/Conferences_and_Events.aspx?hkey=e37a2dfd-34aa-4b4d-9ce9-3a57c39c86f1.

UPCOMING PMI EVENTS
• Sept. 9 Establishing a PM Foundation Using MS Project 2007
• Sept. 29 Agile Project Management Workshop
• Oct. 20 Chapter Dinner Meeting — HRM Sewage Treatment Plant
• Nov. 24 Volunteer Appreciation Night Dinner Meeting — “Are You Too Soft?” A Presentation by Neal Whitten
• Nov. 25 Big Event — “Let’s Talk Leadership, Accountability & Professional Maturity” — A Workshop by Neal Whitten
• Nov. 30 Project Management Framework & Tools

For more info and/or to register, visit: www.pmi.ns.ca or contact Joan Pike, Association Manager, PMI NS Chapter, at (902) 423-1764.

NEW AND UPDATED PUBLICATIONS FROM CICA
• Canadian Professional Engagement Manual (C•PEM) 2010 — Now completely revised and updated to provide guidance on the new Canadian Auditing Standards and illustrate best practices in risk-based auditing, C•PEM is a comprehensive guide to conducting audit, review and other assurance and compilation engagements for small and medium-sized entities. Internet/ DVD/ Download/ Print (2 Volumes, includes CD). For more information, visit: CAs tore.ca/cpem-PICA.
  Note: C•PEM is formerly the Professional Engagement Manual (PEM). Current subscribers to PEM will automatically be sent C•PEM.
• CICA Standards and Guidance Collection — A complete electronic collection of CICA’s official pronouncements, this comprehensive collection provides up-to-date information on the changes to the accounting and assurance standards, and the transition to IFRS, Accounting Standards for Private Enterprises, and well as the new Canadian Auditing Standards. CICA members can access the electronic collection at: knotia.ca. Non-members can purchase the CICA Standards and Guidance Collection at: CAstore.ca/sgc-PICA.
  For a full listing of CICA Handbook products, visit: CAs tore.ca/CICAHandbook.
• The Personal Tax Planner Guide — The Personal Tax Planner Guide is an informative guide for distribution to clients that provides them with pertinent tax planning strategies. This helpful resource is a proven way to support your practice by strengthening and reinforcing client relationships. Until September 2010 you can order personalized copies, with the name and contact information of your firm, to remind clients of the services you provide throughout the year. Sold in multiples of 25. For more information or to order: CAs tore.ca/PTP10-PICA.
• The Personal Automobile Log — The Personal Automobile Log helps those who use either their own or a leased automobile for business purposes to collect the information necessary to support their automobile expense claim. Keep your firm’s name on clients’ minds all year long by personalizing the cover with your firm’s information. Order personalized copies until September 2010. Sold in multiples of 50. For more information or to order: CAs tore.ca/PAL10-PICA.
REMININDERS AND IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

2010 UFE
Sept. 14, 15 & 16 - Greek Orthodox Church

Practitioners’ Forum
October 28 - Glengarry Inn, Truro

Atlantic Prov. Tax Conference
Nov. 5 to 6 - Saint Mary’s University

ICANS’ Fall 2010 PD Weeks
Nov. 15 to 19 - WTCC, Halifax
Nov. 22 to 26 - Delta Sydney

2010 UFE Results Release Date
December 3

Members Luncheon
Halifax - Dec. 17 - Marriott Harbourfront

2011 Convocation
Jan. 29 - WTCC, Halifax

ICANS 2011 Annual Mtg./Golf Tournament
June 20 - Chester Golf Club

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ON THE WEB
Employment and volunteer opportunities can be found at http://www.icans.ns.ca/events.asp?cmPageID=192.
Check out the following:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- Accountant - Nova Scotia Nature Trust
- Treasurer - South Shore Minor Hockey Association

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- Staff Accountant - Sydney, NS
- Chief Financial Officer - Moncton, NB
- Chartered Accountant - Halifax/Dartmouth, NS
- Controller/Deputy Treasurer - Moncton, NB
- Controller - Halifax, NS
- Director, Finance & Admin. - Halifax, NS
- Controller - Halifax, NS
- Chief Financial Officer - St. John’s, NL
- Interim Controller - Halifax, NS
- Controller - Halifax/Dartmouth, NS
- Accounting Position - Kentville, NS
- Accounting Coordinator - Halifax, NS
- Chief Financial Officer - Halifax, NS
- CA - Assurance - Halifax, NS
- Corporate Accountant - Halifax, NS
- Senior Financial Accountant - Halifax, NS

Note: Other career opportunities, together with valuable information and guidance on career counseling, etc., can be found at “CA Source,” on the CICA website.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS
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