



Election of ACCA Ireland President 2008/09

Brendan Foster FCCA was elected President of ACCA Ireland at the Executive Committee meeting held after the AGM in Leeson Park on 9 May 2008. Pictured are current President Brendan Foster receiving the chain of office from Deane Morrice, past President.



ACCA Ireland 5-a-side Football Challenge 2008

At the recent football challenge in Astropark, Coolock, the winners out of 24 teams were former students from Athlone Institute of Technology. This event was kindly sponsored by Hays. Pictured is the winning team captained by Ronan Carrig (back row on left).

Leinster Student Network

With over 200 students attending, the Leinster Student Network hosted a successful "Careers in Practice" event in the Davenport Hotel on Tuesday, 19 August. Brendan Foster, ACCA Ireland President opened the event and speakers included; Fergus Condon (Ernst & Young), Tom Murray (Friel Stafford), Patricia Duffy and Michelle Hourican (Deloitte) and Colm Farrell (Moloney & Farrell).

Dates for your diary

ACCA Autumn Lunch

The ACCA Autumn Lunch will be held on Friday 3 October 2008 in the Conrad Hotel, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin. Lunch will commence at 12.30pm, with guest speaker Eugene Sheehy, Group CEO AIB.

Bookings can be made by contacting Niamh Sheehan at 01 4988902 or by email niamh.sheehan@ie.accaglobal.com before Friday 28 September. Tickets are €50 per person.

Practitioners' Network Conferences

The autumn series will take place in three locations in October/November 2008

Venue: Radisson SAS, Belfast – 11 October
Duration: 09.30 – 16.00

Speakers and topics include:

- Anti-Money Laundering – Peter Brown, The CCL Partnership
- VAT Issues – Brian Tilly, PWC
- Residence and Related Tax Issues – Peter McGuinness, PWC
- Business Strategy - John Doris, Meridian Business Advisors

Venue: Fitzpatrick Castle, Killiney – 22 November
Venue: Radisson SAS, Dublin Airport – 26 November
Duration: 09.30 – 16.00

Speakers and topics include:

- Business Strategy – John Doris, Meridian Business Advisors
- The Audit of Property Management Companies – Brendan Howard, Mercia Ireland
- VAT on Property – Michael Smith, Farrell Smith Taxation
- Partnerships – Gavin O'Flaherty, Mason Hayes & Curran

For further information please contact Niamh Sheehan at 01 4988902 or email niamh.sheehan@ie.accaglobal.com



Opening of new offices of Carlin McLaughlin

At the opening of new offices of Carlin McLaughlin in Buncrana, Co Donegal, were (left to right) Joe Carlin (Partner), Mark Redmond (CEO Irish Taxation Institute), Cathal McLaughlin (Partner), Clodagh Hegarty (Tax Manager), Philip McGonigle (Partner), Claire Scott (Tax Manager) and Aidan Clifford (ACCA Ireland). The new 12,000 sq feet business centre encompasses financial services, an information technology centre and offices for 60 staff and partners.



ACCA training team

ACCA is delighted to announce the appointment of Úna McShane (above, right) as Training Manager as well as the appointment of Brian Donnellan and Helen Foy (also pictured) as Business Relationship Managers for ACCA Ireland.

These new appointments form an integral part of ACCA Ireland's commitment to the development and promotion of ACCA employer approvals, activities, qualifications, training and services to new and existing employers across all business sectors and regions.



Top ACCA employer awards for Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General

Kevin Kernan (above, left), Head of ACCA Ireland presented John Buckley, FCCA (above, right), Comptroller and Auditor General, with the ACCA's Professional Development Award and ACCA's Trainee Gold Award in recognition of the commitment and support given to C&AG staff in the area of continuing professional development and trainee development.

ODCE invitation

The ODCE (Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement) is preparing its strategy statement for 2009 - 2012 and has invited submissions. ACCA Ireland will be preparing its own submission to the ODCE. Should you have any comments to make on ODCE strategy, you can make these directly to ODCE as part of the consultation process, see www.odce.ie. Alternatively, please e-mail your comments to ACCA Ireland at info@ie.accaglobal.com. Please note that the deadline for submissions is 30 September, 2008.

Irish students excel

Irish ACCA students achieve better pass rates and represent a disproportionate number of prize winners compared to the world average. Ireland's 10,000 ACCA students represent just three per cent of the world wide ACCA student numbers of 325,000, but in December 2007 won 65 prizes.

Members will be pleased to note that the examinations standards have not dropped since they sat their exams. If anything, the standard has increased with some particularly challenging optional papers (students choose two of the four papers P4 to P7).

	ROI	GLOBAL	
F1	84%	81%	Accountant in business
F2	53%	56%	Management accounting
F3	77%	67%	Financial accounting
F4	56%	42%	Corporate and business law
F5	52%	34%	Performance management
F6	53%	50%	Taxation
F7	50%	40%	Financial reporting
F8	61%	43%	Audit and assurance
F9	45%	53%	Financial management
P1	55%	53%	Professional accounting
P2	51%	48%	Corporate reporting
P3	66%	56%	Business analysis
P4	20%	31%	Advanced financial management
P5	49%	42%	Advanced performance management
P6	50%	28%	Advanced taxation
P7	31%	33%	Advanced audit and assurance
	53%	47%	Average



ACCA appoints new Chief Executive

Helen Brand (pictured left) has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of ACCA. Formerly Managing Director of Strategy and Development at ACCA, she joined the global accountancy body in 1996. On 1 September, she replaced Allen Blewitt who is leaving ACCA to return to Sydney, Australia after five years based in London. Helen Brand said: "I am truly honoured to be appointed Chief Executive of ACCA and to build on the lasting contribution which Allen Blewitt has created for the profession."



Munster/Connaught members' network

Mary Doolan (above, right), President, ACCA Munster Connaught Panel presenting first prize to Liam Minihan FCCA who won the Munster/Connaught Annual Golf Outing at Tramore Golf Club.



New appointment

ACCA is pleased to announce the appointment of Beibhinn Coman as Communications and Marketing Manager. Beibhinn has previously worked as Marketing Manager for CIMA and Dublin Business School and is a welcome addition to the ACCA Ireland team.

Practice Introduction

A €550k turnover practice in Co Meath for sale. Young principal willing to assist with transition or would consider partnership in larger practice. Very progressive practice with excellent reputation and strong corporate client base. Replies to Box AM1, c/o Aidan Clifford, ACCA Ireland, 9 Leeson Park, Dublin 6.



Brendan Murtagh FCCA becomes Deputy President of ACCA

Brendan Murtagh's involvement with ACCA was initially through the Leinster Members' Network and the Irish Practitioners Network. He became involved in the work of ACCA Ireland at Executive Committee level, serving as President of ACCA Ireland during 2002/3. He was elected to ACCA's governing Council in 2000 and completed his second three year term in May 2006. He also serves on several ACCA committees at both national and global level. Brendan said: "As ACCA's Deputy President, I am looking forward to working with my colleagues to further the interests of the finance profession, in Ireland and around the world. This is a demanding role which works closely with ACCA's Council, its President Richard Aitken-Davies and its new Vice President Mark Gold."

Diploma in International Financial Reporting

Ireland's premier qualification in IFR, the Diploma in International Financial Reporting (Dip IFR) is now enrolling for Dublin and distance learning courses commencing Saturday, 18 October 2008. To find out more about Dip IFR studies at Dublin Business School you are invited to the DBS Dip IFR Information Evening on Wednesday 8 October at 6.30pm. Alternatively, you can contact Jessie Li, DBS Dip IFR Course Co-ordinator directly on 01 4177512 or Jessie.li@dbs.ie