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### 01 ACCA IRELAND NAMES LEINSTER ACCOUNTANT OF THE YEAR 🏆

ACCA Ireland recognised the work of John Doris by awarding him Leinster Chartered Certified Accountant of the Year. Doris is currently principal with Meridian Business Advisors Ltd.

The award was made in recognition of his involvement in ACCA Ireland. John Doris is a former President of the Leinster Members' Network and a former President of ACCA Ireland. During his term of office, the Financial Services Network was launched and it is now one of the key networks for members in Ireland. Doris is also the founder of the Business Leaders' Forum which encourages high level engagement between members of ACCA Ireland.

Pictured (left to right) Thomas Stone, President of ACCA Leinster Members' Network, and John Doris, Leinster Accountant of the Year

### 02 ACCA IRELAND ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

ACCA Ireland has launched a new online booking system for ACCA Ireland member events.

Members can now book and pay for courses in one transaction. To access the system, simply follow the link you receive in the promotional e-mail or see [www.accaglobal.com/ireland/members/events](http://www.accaglobal.com/ireland/members/events).

Most Republic of Ireland events can now be booked using this new online booking system, where you can book and pay for courses for yourself, colleagues, members, or non-members in one transaction.



The system is secure, fast and cost effective as no extra booking charge is incurred. Once you have booked an event you should receive:

- an e-mail confirming your booking and receipt of purchase; and,
- an e-mail with personal log-in details which can be used on future visits to the online booking system to save you re-entering your personal details when you book with us again.

If you have any queries on the new system, please e-mail [bookings@ie.accaglobal.com](mailto:bookings@ie.accaglobal.com) or contact the Members' Services team at 01 4988 900.

### 03 ULSTER BANK ECONOMIST ADDRESSES ACCA IN DUNDALK 🏆

Pat McArdle, group chief economist for Ulster Bank, was guest speaker at the ACCA Ireland Leinster Members' Network on Thursday 5 February at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk.

McArdle discussed the economic outlook in the context of the most serious global recession in 70 years on top of a dramatic slowdown in construction and a 30% loss of competitiveness; two thirds of which reflects the stronger euro and one third higher domestic costs and wages. 'A fall in wages is inevitable if competitiveness is to be restored.

'The consequences of higher costs are particularly evident in Dundalk where cross-border shopping is exacerbating the downturn, putting pressure on local business, and increasing unemployment,' he said. He also commented on recent moves to cut the public service pay bill and said 'the Government package, which took

two months of unproductive negotiations, is but the first instalment of fiscal austerity. In fact, it is just 20% of what is needed over the next five years'.

Pictured Pat McArdle, group chief economist, Ulster Bank

### 04 MAXING THE MICRO

ACCA has launched a new micro site 'The Global Economy'. Available at [www.accaglobal.com/economy](http://www.accaglobal.com/economy) it provides access to a range of relevant resources, including ACCA's technical thought leadership on the global economic conditions, as well as other support services.

Welcoming its launch, Helen Brand, chief executive ACCA, said it would complement ACCA reports and discussion documents on the causes of the economic situation. Reflecting on the year passed, she added: "While 2008 was a good year in terms of growth for ACCA, we were focused on the global economic conditions, and worked to ensure members, students, and the public were well informed about the issues.

### 05 ACCA MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TO HEADWAY CHARITY 🏆

Thomas Stone, President of ACCA Leinster Members' Network, recently presented a cheque for €11,200 to Kieran Loughran, CEO of Headway, on behalf of the ACCA Leinster Members' Network charity fundraiser.

Pictured (left to right) Kieran Loughran, CEO of Headway, and Thomas Stone, President of ACCA Leinster Members' Network



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## 06 ACCA LEINSTER MEMBERS' NETWORK

The Leinster Members' Network hosts events in Carlow, Dublin, Dundalk, Enniscorthy, and Naas. The programme is comprised of evening CPD seminars which attract members from all business sectors. Members can update their knowledge base and also meet fellow professionals. Topics incorporate both technical and broader management skills and two CPD units are applicable to all evening meetings. Details of the forthcoming events can be found on pages 24 and 25 of this issue of *Accounting Matters* or at [www.accaglobal.com/ireland](http://www.accaglobal.com/ireland)

The main social events in the Leinster Programme are the President's Lunch held in December and the golf outing in

September.

The Leinster Members' Network Panel meets quarterly at Leeson Park. Members may stand for election to the Panel and a system of retirement in rotation is in place to allow new members to join the group.

### The 2009 Panel members are:

Fergus Condon (President) - Ernst & Young;  
 John Doris - Meridian Business Advisors Limited;  
 Donal Duffy - Bank of Ireland;  
 Colm Farrell - Maloney Farrell;  
 Des Hanrahan - Bank of Ireland Business Banking;  
 Michelle Hourican;  
 David Leonard - David Leonard & Co.;  
 Brendan McCarthy - Bank of Scotland Ireland;

Stephen Murray - Grant Thornton;  
 Bernard O'Hare - Bank of Ireland;  
 Warren Singh - Ernst & Young;  
 Thomas Stone - IT Tallaght; and,  
 Joanna Wiela - Wicklow Co Council.

For further information on the Leinster Members' Network, please contact Aisling Carr, manager, members' services, ACCA Ireland at 01 4988 920 or [aisling.carr@ie.accaglobal.com](mailto:aisling.carr@ie.accaglobal.com)  
 Back row (left to right): John Doris; Tom Murray; Warren Singh; Fergus Condon; and Stephen Murray. Front row (left to right) Colm Farrell; Thomas Stone, President, Leinster Panel; and Michelle Hourican



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## 07 ACCA KEY EVENTS APRIL/MAY

### 30 April

Business Leaders' Forum  
07.30 - 09.00  
Stan McCarthy, CEO, Kerry Group plc  
Clarion Hotel, Cork

### 8 May

ACCA Ireland Annual Golf Outing  
Headfort Golf Club, Kells, Co Meath

### 15 May

ACCA Ireland Annual General Meeting  
14.00  
Leeson Park, Dublin 6


## 08 LEINSTER STUDENT NETWORK

Over 250 students attended the recent Leinster Student Network Careers in Industry event where senior ACCA members from such organisations as Yahoo, Accenture, Hertz, Baxter Healthcare, and Vodafone provided insight into their careers to date. The event was kindly sponsored by ACCA platinum tuition providers: BPP, DBS and Griffith College.

If you would like to find out more about the activities of the Leinster Student Network please contact:

[beibhinn.coman@accaglobal.com](mailto:beibhinn.coman@accaglobal.com)

At the Careers in Industry event (left to right) Michael Galvin, chairman, Leinster Student Network; Philip Pepper, member of the Leinster Student Network; and Brendan Foster, President, ACCA Ireland

**09**  Speakers at the recent ACCA Leinster Student Members event (left to right) Colm D'Arcy, head of finance, Hertz; Claire Prender, general manager, Accenture ESC; Caroline Curtis, director, European Shared Services Finance Services, Yahoo; Tom Rushe, director of finance, Baxter Healthcare; and Barry Keogh, senior internal auditor, Vodafone Ireland

## 10 PRACTICE INTRODUCTION SERVICE

- Accountant seeks to acquire up to 50 clients, sole traders or farmers from an existing practice in the Tullamore area. Contact Brian Dolan, 20 Lynally Grove, Mucklagh, Tullamore, Co Offaly. Tel: 086 3239120.
- Progressive, quality-checked practice, with good reputation and client base, wishes to acquire small/medium-sized sole practice in the east/midlands region. Please contact Paul McCashin, McGovern, Worn & Co at 041 983 6399 or [info@mcgw.ie](mailto:info@mcgw.ie)
- Established sole trader with staff of five based in Kimmage would like to form merger/alliance with practice of similar or smaller size. Will also consider buy out of smaller practice. Ideal opportunity for practitioner seeking exit strategy in short or medium term. Please contact: [practice\\_growth-2009@yahoo.ie](mailto:practice_growth-2009@yahoo.ie) or box no. AM2 c/o ACCA Ireland.



## 11 ACCA PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Jayne Finnegan,  
group internal auditor, CRH 

Jayne Finnegan ACCA has been appointed group internal auditor with the international CRH Group.

After graduating with a degree in accounting and finance from Dundalk Institute of Technology in 2001, Jayne began her career as a trainee auditor in OSK Accountants. While in OSK, she began studying for her ACCA examinations and progressed to become an audit senior. In 2005, Jayne joined a property development company as the finance manager, developing her skills further before qualifying as an ACCA in 2007. She then joined a large pharmaceutical organisation as a contract GL accountant and it was here that she first gained exposure to the internal audit function of a large multinational.



Jason Murphy,  
director of debt advisory, Deloitte 

Jason Murphy ACCA has been appointed as director of debt advisory within the Corporate Finance Division of Deloitte. In his new role, Jason will be working with organisations to devise appropriate funding structures, sources and solutions to their current financing needs and circumstances. Prior to joining Deloitte, he was a director in Depfa Bank's Infrastructure Finance Unit. He previously worked for Bank of Ireland for a total of five years in its International Services Division; Corporate Banking Division; and subsequently its Global Project Finance Team. Jason holds a Business Studies Degree from Waterford Institute of Technology.