



Welcome to the Summer 2010 Newswire

Introduction by Paul Winder



At last, summer seems to have arrived and let's hope the glorious sunshine I see from my office window continues for Wimbledon and a summer of test cricket. The first half of the year has been a busy and productive time for MGI – we've had five seminars/forums in the UK and, around the world, there have been a number of conferences, all of which are aimed at bringing members together since, as we all know, people do business with people they know.

I am pleased to say that I have met with all firms during the first half of the year, so thank you all for the time you gave me. It is good to see the positive outlook that generally prevails, albeit accountants undoubtedly have a 'prudent gene' and so continue, quite sensibly, to have apprehension about our economy going forward.

I am in touch with a few possible new member firms and have visited two in the last quarter. Sadly, of those two, one was not of a standard that we would want to become members, and the second potential member in South Wales decided to join another association, which was very disappointing. We will, however, be continuing with our search for firms around the country, but with a particular focus on the North West, North East, Wales and Scotland.

Apart from attending MGI events in the last quarter, I also went to CCH's conference as it is always interesting to see

what other people are up to. The focus of my attention was to meet other delegates and see if I could generate any interest in MGI and I am meeting with a firm in Newcastle on the back of this. From a content point of view I am probably not the best person to ask, so if you would like feedback, speak to Peter Winter or Paul Woosey at CBW, who were also there.

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Financial Services Forum



The first Financial Services Forum for some time was well-attended by a mix of firms who have a full financial services offering, have a joint venture arrangement with a third party or have very little involvement in financial services.

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Charities Forum



Whilst the Charities Forum was the smallest gathering so far this year, with seven delegates representing six firms, it was clear that the strength of MGI in this sector was grown considerably with Milsted Langdon and Harrison, Beale and Owen joining last year.

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Managing Partners Meeting



The Managing Partners Meeting on 15 April was the second one that I have attended as HB&O only joined MGI late last year. The first meeting was only just after we became members and therefore there was little I could contribute and in reality it was a learning experience for me.

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MGI North America conference



MGI North America held its annual meeting from May 19 to 21 in Seattle. Items up for discussion included marketing, trends in accounting technology, the future shape of the accountancy profession and the future direction of MGI itself.

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European Area Meeting



This year's European Area Meeting (EAM) was held in Dusseldorf and was the first such meeting to be hosted jointly by three firms, Greis & Brosent GMBH, RLT Ruhrmann Wuller & Partner, and Burbach Cramer Partners GMBH.

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MGI IT Group Meeting



The IT group had its second meeting in April. It was held at CBW's office in Aldgate. It was attended by representatives of eight firms and there were several topics discussed throughout the day, although the underlying theme was to try and understand how to achieve a better return on investment in technology.

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MGI Board of Directors meeting



The MGI Board of Directors (formerly the International Committee) met on 9 June. There was some discussion continuing from previous meetings about a couple of firms whose membership was questioned, although the action to be taken still seems a little uncertain, particularly based on the emails that have followed between members after the meeting.

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Referrals Update



The Referral Summary for MGI UK and Ireland in 2009 highlighted an interesting shift in opportunity. Previously, member firms have looked to their international colleagues to provide them with referral opportunities when work comes to the UK and Ireland; however, it now seems that work flowing between member firms in the UK and Ireland is becoming as important.

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UK and Ireland conference taking shape



Our plans for this year's UK and Ireland conference are progressing well, with the overall theme of 'How do your clients do business in emerging economies', and presentations on the BRIC countries – Brazil, Russia, India and China.

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Business update from Ireland



The agency responsible for coordinating the Irish Government's response to the unprecedented crisis in the Irish banking and property sectors, the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA), is now up and running. The first tranche of qualifying loans were transferred to NAMA at an average discount of 50 per cent to 60 per cent of the original loan values.

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The latest from our blogs



MGI continues to provide an insight into the latest business news and trends using its blog channel on the popular accountancy website www.accountingweb.co.uk.

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Marketing update



Targeting for new members continues in 2010 with a focus on attracting member firms from the North West, Wales, North East and Scotland regions.

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Introducing Harrison, Beale and Owen



As one of the leading firms of chartered accountants and financial planners in the West Midlands, Harrison Beale & Owen is helping to relieve financial headaches in the region. Setting new standards in the region's financial services industry with their modern approach, the firm offers a comprehensive range of services and remedies to tackle all the key financial concerns faced by its client base.

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Seymour Taylor announces enhanced tax services



Seymour Taylor has recently announced some exciting changes to the tax services it is able to offer to its clients.

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Rowley's sister IT company evolves



Rowley's took the unique decision in 2002 to set up a sister IT company, as the firm recognised the need from its clients for reliable and cost-effective IT services and support.

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Awards success for Rickard Keen



Essex-based accountancy firm Rickard Keen had cause to celebrate in May after winning the inaugural Accountancy Firm of the Year award from the South Essex branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

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Around the firms



A quick round-up of news from MGI UK and Ireland member firms.

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