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*Seasonal Greetings to you all*

This month, a shorter than usual contribution as the year ends:

**1 of 2 - exciting educational news at the irm**

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*Appendix 1 attached*

**2 of 2 - following on from the message from our Chairman last month**

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*Appendix 2 attached*

Our **January** issue will include the final part of our look at **High Management**, with follow up lead features in the next two issues for **Behaviour** and then **Decision Making** in more general terms.

But we still need **your** contributions on any subject related to our sphere of research. So please get those letters coming in.

*Have a great Christmas holiday and a low risk New Year.*

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*Appendices*

**1 of 2 - exciting educational news at the irm**

People, Communication and Behaviour risks have an important part to play in the new **International Diploma** syllabus. Whilst the new Module 1 incorporates more than half of the old RMOC (Risk Management: Organisation and Context) coursework by Stephen Ward, much of the new additional material is based on the work of J. Adams from his book *Risk*. Although published in the 90s, this material is very relevant to all that we are trying to promote.

Those of you who joined this SIG at the outset, will recall that much of the original motivation came from the deletion of "communication" from the original RMOC

coursework. A couple of interesting examples of Adam's contribution within the new module are:

**Unit 2** Human development from infancy when we first learn to crawl, and then walk and talk, involve decision making in the face of uncertainty through progression to maturity in our risk-taking skills – how to ride a bicycle, cross the street and stay out of trouble! Then leading on into some quite *heavy* scientific comment quoted from Max Born and Einstein on *Homo prudens and free will* also with reference to such other luminaries as Reason, Dostoevsky and not to forget William Blake and Red Adair!

**Unit 6** Includes a look at human nature – *The Individualist; The Hierarchist; the Egalitarian and the Fatalist* and then moves into a diverse area by comparing the views of Central Government and Local Government on traffic pollution.

**... and much more.**

However, for those of you who think matters may be getting out of hand with reference to the likes of Einstein, things come back to earth with a bang, when it is learned that your editor has been retained as an Assistant Examiner!

At the recent students' workshops at the University of Warwick, students were advised to consult our *NEWSLETTERS* as additional reading material and the bullet points on communication difficulties within an organisation mentioned in *Issue No 21* were linked to research on **6 Risk Reporting and Communication** on page 9 of the AIRMIC ALARM IRM Standard. The Standard sets out the responsibilities of Board Directors, Business Units and Individuals, but does not deal with the practical challenges of application.

#### **2 of 2 – following on from the message from our Chairman last month**

Early in 2008 we shall be meeting once again to transact formal business - also to find time to discuss interesting aspects of the subject that brings us together as members of one of the Institute's largest SIGs.

*Please send in any nominations for office.* Michael Ocock and I will both be standing down - Michael has agreed to put his name forward for re-election to the Chair and I have agreed, on reflection, to offer my name for re-election as Secretary.

The meeting will probably be in February at a convenient as possible location and details will be advised by *NEWSFLASH*

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