



## Meeting Note

Client:	South West Regional IRM Group	Meeting Date:	27 January 2005
Subject:	Inaugural Meeting of the SW Institute of Risk Management Group	Location:	Marlborough Stirling Offices, Cheltenham
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Attendees:	As per distribution list	Distribution:	

### Notes

The first meeting of the SW regional IRM group was hosted by Marlborough Stirling in Cheltenham.

Some 17 delegates attended and the first action was the appointment of a Secretary in Fergus Dolan of Marsh Ltd and our chairman Jonathan Blackhurst of Marlborough Stirling.

Steve Fowler CEO of IRM then presented to the group. SF provided a review of background on the IRM. The IRM produced a major work with the production of the IRM risk management standard. A new focus is now life long learning for members, also interim RM qualifications before the achievement of Associate-ship or higher. There was a debate about the various methods of achieving qualifications in the IRM and SF advised that fellowship will be achieved by Continuous Professional Development (CPD). Further information regarding the IRM can be sought on the IRM website.

SG also advised that a New IRM basic course over two days will be available in 2005. The AIRM exams will also see the further development of specialist subjects e.g. project management. Equally IRM has established several special interest groups e.g. emerging risk.

The IRM website will also provide details on the various learning and support service available to members. Despite its small team the IRM has a global presence, with a strategic goal of raising members profile and achieving recognised standards in risk management.

Going forward, SF advised that the IRM, Alarm, AIRMIC and IOSH were likely to have a joint risk community called UK Risk Federation. This will provide a powerful influencing body for all our members.

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### **Presentation from Marlborough Stirling**

The regional group then received a Presentation from Jonathan Blackhurst, Senior Risk Analyst, Marlborough Stirling's risk management process. JB outlined the identification of risk for the company and their business units, their evaluation and treatment & review process. JB demonstrated how the risk team operates the risk register yet devolves risk operation. The benefit of this approach was more ownership and inclusivity by departments of risk management. JB works closely with internal audit.

### **Discussion of future form of the SW IRM Group**

SF advised there was now a large number of similar groups in the UK. It was wise to rotate locations. The agenda could include a 10-minute presentation each by a pre-selected member of group on their own organisation's approach to risk management.

Generally there was a desire for case studies, "war stories", and best practice to share amongst members. Other planned activities can include joint meetings with other groups e.g. NHS groups, possibly MOD group and the association of Project Managers etc.

The IRM centrally can assist with the provision of speakers e.g. Glasgow Caledonian speakers or key members of the Institute.

It was agreed that future subjects could include the IRM standard and Exam related subjects hosted by IRM examiners.

SF agreed to consider a SW regional group area on the IRM website,

It was likely the regional group would meet Quarterly with the next date likely to be May 2005 in Bristol. Members should also note that the 19/20th September 2005 is the IRM national conference.