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2005

There has been an excellent response to the setting up of this group, with a total of 53 names on the list of members to date. There is a good cross section of experience from senior risk managers to students and there are representatives from overseas also. This is very encouraging and we want to hear from all sectors.

The Group is now operational.

Could you please *pencil* Monday 23rd January PM. in your diaries, as we hope to have the inaugural meeting in Staffordshire. If this can be ratified, there will be a small charge to members for afternoon tea and biscuits and I hope to be able to offer an optional buffet lunch before the meeting for around £8-00.

Communications

It is appreciated that some of you simply cannot be expected to travel to the inaugural meeting and any subsequent gatherings need to be kept to an absolute minimum due to time and cost – but contact must be regular, meaningful and open to all of you.

With over 50 people (and we hope more as our reputation grows!) – e-mailing everyone else on all aspects of such a complex subject as *People Risk* matters will get out of hand.

An idea would be for smaller teams, reporting to a team leader, who liases with the Chair and Secretary who would then report to all of you via the NEWSLETTERS. Such a split could be by occupation (Private Sector/Public Sector/Consultants) or by subject (possibly the top few expectations from your replies). If by subject, members could even swap groups or stay in a discipline of their choice. Let me know your views on this proposal, or indeed, if you have an alternative idea.

Incidentally, most of you have now replied regarding *Expectations* and *Contributions*. Thank you all for your response, especially the three of you who offered to help with things – I think you would each be an excellent Team Leader, if that is the route the Group takes. As we have some late entrants, I have extended the deadline for reply to 4th January 2006.

I will be analysing these e-mails in preparation for a preliminary meeting with Mike early in the New Year – The outcome of this analysis will be reported to you all in the next NEWSLETTER along with confirmation of the status of the proposed inaugural meeting.

Election of Officers

The following wish to stand:

Chair - Michael Ocock

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Secretary – Bruce Widdowson bruce.writer@btinternet.com

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If anyone else wishes to stand for these posts, could they please let me have a full CV (Secretary post will involve about 20 hours work per month and the Chair more than you might imagine) with a copy to Sara at the **irm** office – sara.furegard@theirm.org by Monday 9th January 2006.

Minutes Secretary – would someone who is able to attend the meeting, please volunteer – a knowledge of “Risk Speak” would be an advantage!

Student Workshop at Hatfield on 12th January 2006

If any of you are going to this event, I hope to be there and will be pleased to say “hello”.

In the meantime, Mike and I wish you all good things for Christmas and a very low risk New Year.

Bruce

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Acting Secretary.