

Media release

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IRM Announces 2011 Student Awards

The Institute of Risk Management (IRM) has announced its top performing students for the past academic year. International Diploma in Risk Management Student of the Year is Kasarachi Sylvester Nnadede, Health, Safety and Environment Supervisor at Total Exploration and Production, Nigeria. Top student achieving the IRM's International Certificate in Risk Management is Karla Cruickshanks, Manager of the Client Engagement and Conflicts team at DLA Piper LLP.

The Diploma Student of the Year award, sponsored by consultants i-risk Group, provides the winner with an all expenses paid one week study trip to Turkey. To compete for the award, the students who achieved the highest marks in the examinations for the Diploma were required to produce a 1,000 word submission on managing the risks of doing business in Turkey in the light of the new Turkish commercial code. The entries were then judged by a panel consisting of IRM and i-risk Group representatives.

IRM Chief Executive Steve Fowler said: "We are delighted to celebrate the excellent achievements of these students, and particularly our first Diploma Student of the Year winner from Nigeria, reflecting a rising interest in risk management in that country."

"We continue to support this award," added i-risk Group Director Nicola Crawford "as it is important that risk management professionals realise the need for a fully international outlook and are encouraged to focus on the practical application of what they have learnt."

Steve Fowler continued "Our congratulations go to all the award winners. We are very encouraged by the increasing numbers and quality of students for our International Diploma and International Certificate qualifications. The continuing success of these qualifications significantly helps our work to promote risk management as a profession world-wide."

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Notes to Editors

i-risk Group (formerly Business Resilience Group) is an independent strategy and risk management organisation with clients in the UK, Europe, Turkey and Australia.

The International Diploma in Risk Management is a post-graduate qualification for the risk management professional. The Diploma is unique as it has been developed through extensive collaboration between leading educational thinkers and academics, in partnership with risk practitioners from across the world. Offered on a part time, flexible, distance learning basis, it provides the opportunity to obtain an internationally recognised risk qualification that is independent of any business sector.

The International Certificate in Risk Management is a broadly based introductory qualification for anyone with an interest in risk management and is offered internationally on a flexible, distance learning basis. The course takes from 6 to 9 months and there are two intakes each year, in September/November and March/May.

The Institute of Risk Management (IRM) is the world's leading enterprise-wide risk education Institute. We are independent, well-respected advocates of the risk profession, owned by practising risk professionals. IRM passionately believes in the importance of risk management and that investment in education and continuing professional development leads to more effective risk management. We provide qualifications, short courses and events at a range of levels from introductory to expert. IRM supports risk professionals by providing the skills and tools needed to put theory into practice in order to deal with the demands of a constantly changing, sophisticated and challenging business environment. We operate internationally, with over 3000 members and students from over 90 countries, drawn from a variety of risk-related disciplines and a wide range of industries.

As a not-for-profit organisation, IRM reinvests any surplus from its activities in the development of international qualifications, membership, short courses and events.

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