



## SMP FORUM

Date & Time: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010 (08.30 – 14.30)

(3.5 hours of structured CPE qualifying under Professional Competencies in terms of MIA CPE Regulations)

Venue: Westin Dragonara Resort, St. Julian's



## THIS FORUM

The Small and Medium Sized Practices Advisory Committee within the Malta Institute of Accountants is for the first time organising an SMP Forum for the small and medium sized practices in Malta and Gozo.

The objectives of this Forum are:

- To Launch an interesting Professional Indemnity Insurance package which will provide various advantages to MIA members;
- To Launch the ACCA Advisory Services through a help desk which is going to be extended to all MIA members whether ACCA members or not;
- To attain an even closer relationship between the Institute and the SMPs where we will be exploring and suggesting ways how the Institute may assist SMPs, whether sole practitioners or firms.



## AGENDA

- 08.30 – 09.00 Registration and coffee
- 09.00 – 09.05 Opening speech and agenda, *Bernard Scicluna*
- 09.05 – 09.20 Objectives of the SMP Committee & future plans & objectives, *William Spiteri Bailey*
- 09.20 – 09.40 Legal structures and implications, *David Zahra*
- 09.40 – 10.25 Professional Indemnity, *William Spiteri Bailey & Ernst Millaard*
- 10.25 – 11.10 Launch of the ACCA Advisory Services, *Bernard Scicluna & Glenn Collins*
- 11.10 – 11.40 Coffee break
- 11.40 – 12.20 Breakout session for Firms
- Breakout session for Sole Practitioners & Sole Practitioners with Employees
- 12.20 – 13.00 Feedback from breakout sessions
- Questions & Answers
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch



## FEE & BOOKING INFORMATION

Attendance to this Forum is limited to 150 participants. Kindly place your reservation and affect payment through the [MIA Website](#), by close of business on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010. PS: The Institute is no longer accepting individual bookings through phone or e-mail. These are to be made through the website. Only group bookings can be made via [e-mail](#).

Fee: Members: € 30.00, Non-members: € 60.00



## SPEAKERS' PROFILE



### Bernard Scicluna

Bernard is a long-standing elected Council member of the Malta Institute of Accountants, serving almost uninterruptedly since 1991, and is currently the President of the Institute.

Bernard has been appointed by the Maltese Minister of Finance as a member of the Accountancy Board, the Maltese regulator of the accountancy profession, since 1997. Since late 2008, he also serves as Technical Advisor to the Maltese representative at the EU Audit Regulatory Committee.

Bernard has been a member of the IFAC Small and Medium Practices Committee (and predecessor bodies) since 2001. During 2009, Bernard was appointed member of a task force of the European Federation of Accountants (FEE) to review the implementation of International Standards on Auditing in the European Union.

Bernard was a founding partner of the firm Curmi, Paris, Scicluna & Co., which merged with Deloitte Malta in 2005, and is currently technical partner with Deloitte Malta and the firm's National Professional Practice Director.



### David Zahra

David graduated as Doctor of Laws at the University of Malta in November 2006 after submitting his thesis on the Maltese Parliament's role in the scrutiny of European legislation. David's main interests are in financial services, competition law, trust law and Arab commercial laws. He has concentrated on these areas when reading for an LL.M. in Corporate and Commercial Law at King's College, University of London. David has also studied at the Università degli Studi di Roma Tre, Rome, as part of the Erasmus exchange programme.

At Camilleri Preziosi, David has advised the Accountancy Board on the transposition of the Statutory Audit Directive and the Services Directive into Maltese law.



William Spiteri Bailey

William is a general practice partner servicing clients ranging from sole traders to partnerships and from co-operatives to companies. He has an all round grasp and knowledge of commercial affairs in the Malta and he is routinely involved in raising finance for clients, advising on corporate structures and preparing business plans and feasibility studies.

His specialist areas are property companies, general trading companies, unions and family businesses and International Trade. William is presently a member of the Council of the Malta Institute of Accountants.



Ernst Millaard

Current position: Managing Director Aon global Professions EMEA region, represented in Malta by Mediterranean Insurance Brokers (Malta) Ltd.

Ernst has been working for more than 26 years as insurance broker in various markets. After finishing his Masters degree in business administration he started his career as broker in the liability department of one of the major broking houses. As part of his development he also worked for half a year in London and came back to lead the marine and aviation department of Alexander & Alexander Netherlands. In 2003 he became head of the professional service department of Aon the largest broker of the Netherlands. After 5 successful years Ernst was appointed in the worldwide board of Aon Global Professions (represented by MIB) to lead the various Aon offices in Europe, Middle East and Africa.

During his career Ernst has attended various courses at international business schools such as INSEAD, London Business School.



Glenn Collins

Glenn Collins is Head of Advisory Services at ACCA. He is responsible for a team of eight experts who provide advice and support to ACCA members on a range of issues, including audit, financial reporting, business advice, taxation, company and business law and ethics.

A Fellow of ACCA, Glenn Collins spent 16 years in public practice, specialising in audit and business, before joining ACCA where he has worked at a senior level for nearly 11 years.

Alongside providing advice to finance professionals, Glenn Collins also liaises closely with UK government departments, Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs and agencies like the Charity Commission. He also leads ACCA's support for small and medium practitioners and is a member of numerous small business, tax and charity groups