

## Client Newsletter - April 2014

### **Welcome**

Clients, friends and supporters of Condie Risk, welcome to our third Condie Risk Newsletter, we hope you find the content to be informative and helpful. All comments and feedback are gratefully received. If you would like an informal chat over any of the topics discussed, feel free to call or email Condie – we have included contact details below.



### **Condie Consulting**

Risk consulting continues to be driven by the desire of senior managers and directors to improve the way that they set their risk strategy, implement risk management operations and seek value from their investment in risk practices.

Directors are also keen to ensure that effective governance is in place and Condie completed a major Board effectiveness review for a UK insurance operation this Spring. The review was carried out by Mark Butterworth and John Ludlow and entailed meetings with the Independent Non-Executive Directors, an assessment of the business strategy and completion by each director of a bespoke questionnaire built to meet the client's needs. The Board was provided with a comprehensive report, with recommendations and observations. All recommendations have been adopted.

A perennial question that arises is whether the Risk Management department and the Audit department should be merged. Another version of the question is should we have a combined Risk and Audit Committee of the Board?

Condie has helped clients consider their own approach to risk and audit operations and reporting that works best for them, and satisfies stakeholder interests, including regulators.

### **Visit Condie at the AIRMIC Conference**

We are delighted to announce that Condie will be attending the AIRMIC Conference on 16-18 June 2014 at the ICC (International Convention Centre) in Birmingham. With over 800 attendees, the Conference is one of the major risk management events in the UK. Condie will be meeting clients and business contacts over the full three days. Come and visit us on Stand 26 to hear about our latest risk and governance consulting and training services.



### **Condie Training**

Condie provides both open and bespoke in-house training courses on a variety of topics, including corporate governance, risk management, insurance compliance and commercial risk-related courses. One of our most popular programmes continues to be the open one-day "Running Effective Risk Workshops" course, presented jointly by Mark Butterworth and Ian Searle. The date for the next course is 14 May - please click [here](#) for booking information and details of our other courses.



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### ***In-house courses***

Condie provides in-house training, whether fully bespoke courses or cost-effective presentation of established courses. Clients have included a State bank, a construction materials firms, an insurance broker, a motor vehicle importer and a water and gas utilities company. The courses can be presented anywhere in the world.



*The April 2014 class for the Essentials of Risk Management course at automotive firm, ALJ.*

### ***CII Learning and Development Forum***

Mark Butterworth is the Chairman of the Chartered Insurance Institute's Learning and Development Forum. The Forum holds three half-day seminars a year on topical risk issues, with our next meeting on Thursday 5 June addressing diversity in business. Visit the CII's website [here](#) for details of how to book your place and to receive regular updates from the L&D Forum office.

### ***The Institute of Risk Management***

Under the management of Dr Lynn Drennan, IRM is revising and updating their professional qualifications. At Condie we are delighted to be involved in this significant project with Mark Butterworth and Ian Searle contracted to provide modules within the new learning

materials. Follow progress on this at [www.theirm.org](http://www.theirm.org).

Condie also works closely with the IRM on short courses and committee work.

### ***Condie in the Community***

Regular readers of the Condie Newsletter will be aware of our sponsorship for the Chelmsford Hockey Club Ladies First XI, who play at England National League Hockey level. Congratulations to the Ladies for risk-managing their season and avoiding relegation!

Condie in the Community has recently extended its sponsorship activities to include support for the Bexleyheath Academy "Plant to Plate" project where school children learn how to grow their own food. Condie are the sponsors for the new mini-orchard.

We are also delighted to sponsor the "Flyerz" pan-disability hockey scheme at Waltham Forest Hockey Club - England Hockey's Club of the Season 2013!



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