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**ICMA Recognizes Top Performers on  
Certified Management Accountant (CMA) Exam**

**Montvale, N.J., September 9, 2009** – The Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA®), the certification division of IMA®, today announced the leading performers on its Certified Management Accountant (CMA®) examination for the fall 2008 and winter 2009 periods.

For each period, gold, silver, and bronze medals, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, were awarded to three individuals who received the highest exam scores. In addition, for the fall 2008 and winter 2009 periods, ICMA awarded a Certificate of Distinguished Performance to six individuals in each period for their noteworthy exam results, as well as a Student Performance Award to the college student who attained the highest exam score.

“ICMA congratulates the winners of these distinguished awards and applauds their outstanding achievement,” said Joseph A. Vincent, CMA, chair of ICMA Board of Regents. “The geographic diversity of these individuals once again points to the international scope of the CMA certification and its broad relevance to the management accounting profession. We’re pleased to see how the CMA credential continues to be the most appropriate worldwide certification for accounting and finance professionals working inside organizations.”

Of the approximately 4,000 candidates who took the CMA exam during each period, the following individuals were recognized for their exceptional achievement:

**Fall 2008**

- **Mr. Paul R. J. M. Smits** of The Hague, Netherlands, employed by KPN, received the Johnson & Johnson Gold Medal for the highest exam score.
- **Ms. Karin L. Caruso** of Stratham, NH, employed by the Southern New Hampshire University School of Business, received the Johnson & Johnson Silver Medal for the second-highest exam score.
- **Mr. Miroslav Nedkov** of Sofia, Bulgaria, employed by Metro Cash & Carry Bulgaria, received the Johnson & Johnson Bronze Medal for the third-highest exam score.

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- Certificates of Distinguished Performance were awarded to the following individuals for their high exam scores: **Ms. Toral Barot** of Redmond, WA; **Ms. Ghada Tarif Bazzi** of Beirut, Lebanon; **Mr. Jonathan Hurt** of Fruitport, MI; **Mr. Jagdish Artan A. Thadani** of Manama, Bahrain; **Ms. Jenell R. Wagner** of Willard, MO; and **Mr. Jie Yu** of Shanghai, People's Republic of China.
- **Mr. Xudong Li** of Albany, CA, received the Student Performance Award for the highest exam score by a college student.

### Winter 2009

- **Dr. Larry W. Saylor** of Greenville, IL, employed by Greenville College, received the Johnson & Johnson Gold Medal for the highest exam score.
- **Mr. Tae Hyung Park** of Seoul, South Korea, employed by XPMG Samjon Accounting Corp., received the Johnson & Johnson Silver Medal for the second-highest exam score.
- **Mr. Marcio Carvalho Cardoso** of San Antonio, TX, employed by AT&T, received the Johnson & Johnson Bronze Medal for the third-highest exam score.
- Certificates of Distinguished Performance were awarded to the following individuals for their high exam scores: **Mr. Edward Y. Blakiston** of Alexandria, VA; **Mr. Joseph Sebi Chembukkavu** of Thrissur Kerala, India; **Mr. Christopher DiMarco** of New York, NY; **Ms. Ya Jen Huang** of Toronto, Canada; **Ms. Guie Li** of Somerville, MA; and **Mr. Matthew Aaron Treskovich** of Oviedo, FL.
- **Ms. Kimberly A. Nygard** of DePere, WI, received the Student Performance Award for the highest exam score by a college student.

Winners of these awards will be recognized at IMA's upcoming 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference & Exposition, to be held in Baltimore, MD, in June 2010.

### About the CMA<sup>®</sup>

The CMA certification is a comprehensive credentialing program that assesses competency in the management accounting and financial management body of knowledge, which represents a broad range of controllership knowledge and skills. Subject matter of the four-part exam includes economics, corporate finance, cost management, internal controls, performance measurement, financial reporting, decision analysis, organization management and strategic planning, with a strong emphasis on ethics.

### About IMA<sup>®</sup>

With a worldwide network of about 60,000 professionals, IMA is the world's leading organization dedicated to empowering accounting and finance professionals to drive business performance. IMA provides a dynamic forum for professionals to advance their careers through Certified Management Accountant (CMA<sup>®</sup>) certification, research, professional education, networking, and advocacy of the highest ethical and professional standards. For more information about IMA, please visit [www.imanet.org](http://www.imanet.org).

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