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**Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Presents
Informative Workshops, Speakers and Exhibits in Dubai**

-- IMA's Global Conference Opens 7 May --

Montvale, N.J., May 1, 2006 – The Institute of Management Accountants (IMA®), the world's leading organization representing accounting and finance professionals working inside organizations, will host its Global Conference on 7-10 May 2006 at JW Marriott, Dubai, UAE. Seasoned professionals, and those just beginning their careers, will come together from around the globe to attain cutting-edge skills, tools and education to help them deliver decision support and drive business value.

"In today's global business world, accounting and finance professionals need to think strategically and cross-functionally across the organizations where they work," said Paul A. Sharman, ACMA, IMA's president and CEO. "This conference is designed to build the capabilities of these professionals, so they can do their jobs more effectively and build quality within the company."

IMA's Global Conference will feature more than 20 educational sessions, across four learning tracks, including: Leadership, IT for Global Competitiveness, Global Finance and Accounting, and Business Performance Management. Presenter highlights include:

- **Ian Ball, Chief Executive, International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), New York, USA**
Mr. Ball will outline IFAC's key initiatives designed to improve the integrity, capabilities, and competence of professional accountants in business so they may contribute more effectively to organizational performance.
- **Abbas Ali Mirza, partner, Deloitte & Touche (M.E.), Dubai, UAE**
Breakthroughs since the turn of the century enable us to live in a globalized world. As such, the accounting world needs a common language to communicate in business and financial reporting. This keynote addresses these and other issues facing today's management accountants.
- **Kurt P. Ramin, chair, XBRL International Steering Committee, International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), London, England**
In today's world of additional corporate governance and regulatory concerns, the accounting profession continues to move towards financial and business reporting transparency. Mr. Ramin will explore the issue of how good financial and business reporting systems is a delicate balance between meeting technical accounting standards and regulatory requirements, while still providing strategic messages to management.

- **Prof. Dr. Pèter Horvàth, chairman, Horvàth AG, Horvàth & Partners Management Consultants, Stuttgart, Germany**

Internationally, management accountants have many different names and forms but their ultimate role is the same: to be the “economic conscience” of the organization. This session will reveal the global trends in the profession and how German companies use “controlling” to align management accounting with strategy, corporate planning, finance and much more.

In addition to session presenters, IMA spokespeople and subject-matter experts, **Carl Smith**, Ph.D., CMA, CFM, CPA, IMA board chair; **Larry White**, CMA, CFM, CPA, CGFM, IMA board chair emeritus; **Paul A. Sharman**, IMA president and CEO, and **Jeffrey Thomson**, vice president, Research and Applications Development will be available to answer questions about IMA or the issues discussed during the Conference.

For registration information and complete details on IMA’s Global Conference, please visit www.imadubai.org.

About IMA

With a worldwide network of nearly 65,000 professionals, IMA is the world’s leading organization dedicated to empowering accounting and finance professionals to drive business performance. IMA provides a dynamic forum to for professionals to advance their careers through Certified Management Accountant (CMA®) certification, research, professional education, networking and advocacy of the highest ethical and professional standards. For more information about IMA, please visit www.imanet.org.

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Working press with proper credentials will be extended passes for the conference. For press registration, please visit www.imaconference.org/press.cfm or contact Marc Gerrone, IMA Marketing Manager, Communications and Public Relations at +201 474-1502, mgerrone@imanet.org.