

### **EMEA Regional Update**

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# Membership

### EMEA region:

- 65 firms
- Offices in 47 Countries



### **Board Members**

- Lourens Oosthuizen, South Africa (Chairman)
- Nilesh Shah, United Kingdom (Vice-Chairman)
- Arcangelo Agogliati, Italy
- Alain Forestier, France
- Ivan Fučík, Czech Republic
- Peter Janssen, Netherlands
- Hakan Sahin, Turkey
- Angelos Theodorou, Cyprus
- Ulrich Viefers, Germany



## EMEA Board

### Meetings:

- Dublin, October 2013
- Teleconference: December 2013
- Istanbul, May 2014
- San Franciso, October 2014



## **EMEA** Board

Chairman: also member of WW Board

- Meetings in Dublin, Istanbul, San Franciso
- Other members from EMEA:
  - Angelo Colombo (WW Chairman)
  - Peter Walter (Jacqueline Wolfovski from 1 July 2014)
  - Shimon Yarel
  - Stephen Hamlet (*as non-voting observer and contributor*)



### Goals

### EMEA Board main goals:

- Expanding membership/countries
- Expanding services
- Expanding coverage offers more possibilities:
  - To offer your clients more assistance (outward referrals)
  - To target potential clients with international outlook
  - To exchange experience among member firms
  - To receive inward referrals



### Provision of information

- EMEA Website (<u>www.bkremea.com</u>)
- E-Update regional newsletter (Quarterly)
- Tax newsletter (Quarterly)
- Audit & Accounting update (Quarterly)
- Tax and Audit/Business group technical meetings
- Sub-regional meetings (Alps & Mediterranean, BIG, Central/Eastern Europe, Middle East, South Africa)
- Specialist Practice Groups (Tax specialists)
- Library on www.bkr.com (incl. Doing Business brochures)



# Regional website for EMEA

Why?

- To expand EMEA content on the <u>www.bkr.com</u> site
- To attract new firms in our region, promoting specific activity in EMEA
- To host new ideas and service offerings for existing members
- To be more personal and focused to the region

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## Recruitment

In 2012/13, we recruited:

- UNW LLP, United Kingdom (Newcastle)
- Molade Trust Management B.V., The Netherlands
- Abou Nasr and Associates, Iraq
- Auditangol Consulting Enterprise (ACE), Angola

Losses: Osunbade, Okiti & Co (Nigeria)



In 2013/14, we have recruited:

- GESEM, Spain (Alicante)
- Adebola Sobanjo & Co., Nigeria

<u>*Pipelines*</u>: *Belgium (2 firms), Georgia, Qatar, Ghana, Luxembourg (Audit and accounting)* 

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# Target countries

- Europe
- Estonia
- Finland
- Lithuania

### Middle East and Africa

- Algeria
- Kenya
- Namibia
- Luxembourg (Audit firm)• Qatar
- Slovakia / Slovenia
- Russia (to expand)

• Zambia

• Tunisia



Committees STANDARDS (ESC) Chair – Anne Mouhssine (France)

- Annual Audit/Business group meeting (November)
- Education and support re Audit & Accounting updates
- Due diligence on new members
- Liaison with ISC



Committees TAX (ETC) Chairman - Angelos Theodorou (Cyprus)

- Annual Tax meeting (November)
- Quarterly Tax newsletter
- Updating Tax database/specialist contact list
- Practice groups
- Liaison with ITC

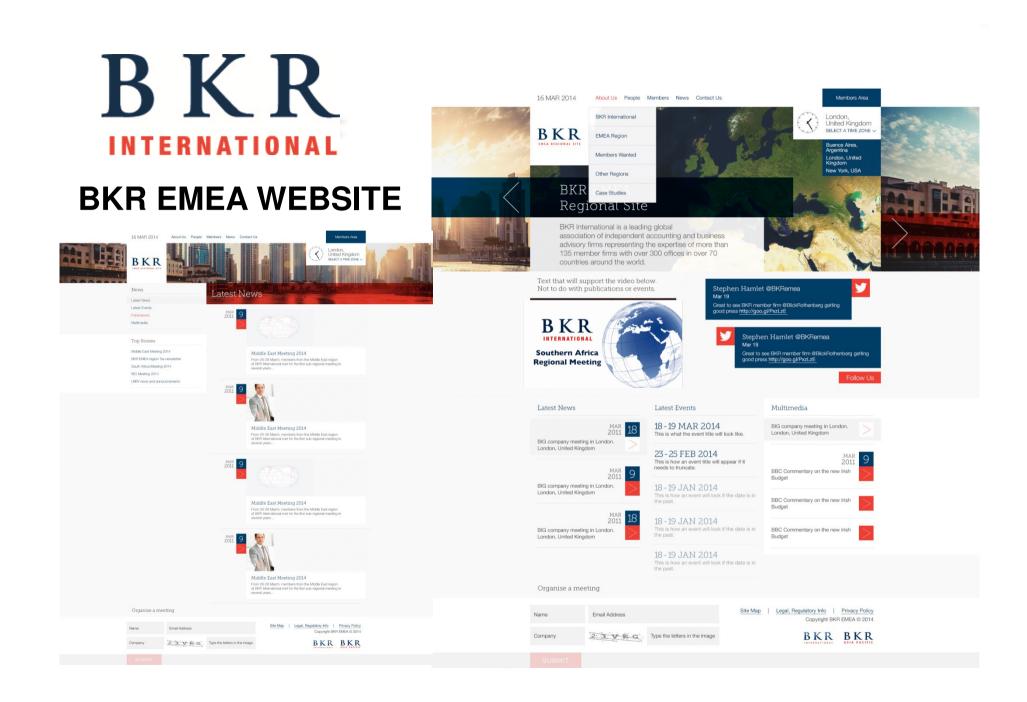


## New Marketing/PR initiatives

- Marketing consultant
- EMEA website re-vamp
- Twitter presence
- Corporate video
- Mini video interviews



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### BKR INTERNATIONAL EGIAN: http://www.bkremea.com/Members-Area/EGIAN.aspx

- European Group of International Accounting Networks and Associations
- 24 global organisations offering audit, accounting and business advisory services
- Combined turnover of members: US\$ 40 billion
- Exchange of ideas / Lobbying (for eg, in response to EC Green Paper and Audit exemption thresholds)
- London Executives Group / relations with IAB
- Representatives: Stephen Hamlet and Ulrich Viefers



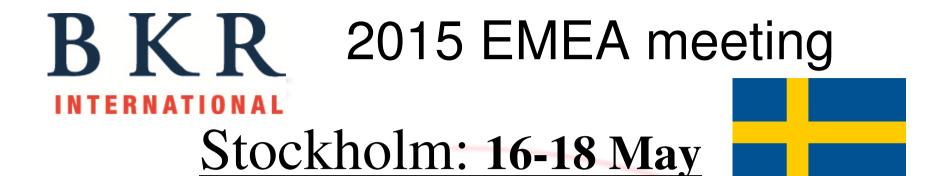
## Sub-regional meetings

- Central/Eastern Europe, Munich, 26-27 June 2014
- Alps and Mediterranean, TBD September 2014
- Audit and Tax meetings, Amsterdam, 24 November 2014
- Southern Africa, TBD March 2015
- BIG, London, March 2015
- Middle East, TBD March 2015
- Bi/tri -lateral meetings



## Statistical Analysis

- Introduced as useful tool for sharing information/making comparison among members
- Target to further enhance information despite various jurisdictions
- Presentation at Annual Regional conference











## **BKR EMEA Region**



#### Thank You