



## WELCOME

Welcome to the IGAF Polaris EMEA newsletter! This communication will be issued regularly to all IGAF Polaris Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) members to keep you advised of the progress of the merger over our first twelve months as IGAF Polaris. You can expect to receive an update following each meeting of the IGAF Polaris EMEA Management Committee.

The six members of the Management Committee, together with the three officers, met for the first time in Paris on 18 March. The Committee agreed to co-opt other EMEA members as required for specific projects as this year progresses. The sections below outline the activities and decisions taken at the first meeting, and give you dates and information for upcoming regional and global IGAF Polaris activities. The next Management Committee meeting is scheduled for 16 May and a report on that meeting will be issued shortly thereafter.

## INTRODUCING THE COMMITTEE

The IGAF Polaris EMEA Management Committee is comprised of representatives from all three of the associations involved in our merger – Polaris International, Fidunion International, and IGAF Worldwide. The members of the committee are as follows:

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

In accordance with a decision by the IGAF Polaris World Board, the principal meeting for members for 2011 will be the **2011 World Conference** at the Hotel Fontainebleau in Miami, Florida, USA on 5-7 November.

Costs are projected to be 1400 US\$ for the conference and 239 US\$ + tax per night for the hotel.

The **2012 World Conference** will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark at the end of June.

The first European meeting for members is the **European Meeting** in Barcelona on 15-16 May. Although previously announced as a tax conference, it will be open to all and is the first opportunity to meet our new colleagues. Space is very limited so apply now. Registration materials are available at <http://www.igafworldwide.org/news/details/EuroTax2011.pdf>.

**Regional Meetings** in France, Germany, Italy and the UK will take place throughout 2011 and are open to members of all three of the merged associations. Dates and locations for these meetings will be advised locally.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

The Strategic Plan for the future of the association and the EMEA Region was discussed in great detail at the Management Committee meeting. The Committee made nine proposals for consideration and implementation at both EMEA and World levels. These suggested proposals include further development of members within sub-Saharan Africa, active care of members throughout EMEA, the production of this newsletter, and the definition of a common name.

## ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIPS

Former Polaris International members enjoyed discounted rates from Datev, a supplier of professional software. The Management Committee undertook to review this arrangement with great care and, if appropriate, to develop it and make it available to the merged associations.

