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Participants of the Jubilee 10th Congress were greeted by Professor Zbigniew Paszek of the Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski Krakow University and Edmund J. Saunders, founder of PIKW Ltd. in Warsaw and the Honorary President of that Institute, who are the initiators and organisers of all this Congresses. A co-organiser of the Congress was also IIC Polska, the Poland Chapter of The Institute for Internal Controls.

The Congress was officially opened by Professor Klemens Budzowski, Chancellor of the AFM Krakow University, who in his speech referred to the issues of combating irregularities in the field of higher education. After the opening speeches, a letter from Dr. Frank Nasuti, Chairman of The IIC, addressed to the Congress Organizers and Participants was read out, as were other letters of congratulations from Stanisław Kracik, the Małopolska Voivoda, and Marek Sowa, Marshall of the Małopolska Voivodship.

Klemens Budzowski, in the name of authorities of the AFM Krakow University, presented Edmund J. Saunders with a letter of recognition for his overall achievements in the academic field and organizational activities of PIKW.

Congress was organized in particular for: the members of management boards, directors of Internal audit departments, directors of Internal controls departments, members of audit committees, controllers and internal auditors, professionals specializing in crime detection, financial frauds and anti-corruption, members of the regulatory bodies, financial directors, risk management directors, financial controllers, professionals responsible for the prevention activities and identification of abuses in the company.

Representatives of the major financial institutions and companies from other sectors took part in the Congress, as well as experts from the academic environment and public administration. Presentations and speeches made by the invited guests reflected the challenges and several aspects of audit, control and supervision and its prospects in commercial companies as well as in public sector.

Rafał Krzemień, Chairman of the Educational Program Council of PIKW, opened the Congress deliberations by presenting the first Special Guest Speaker, Brian Gray – Director General, Head of Internal Audit Services (IAS) of the European Commission in Brussels.

During the Congress inspiring themes were presented by universally recognized speakers. These are listed below in the order in which they were presented:

- The internal audit role in promoting the efficient internal control and anti-fraud mechanisms in the European Commission (Brian Gray, Director IAS, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium);
- Global development in the anti-fraud and anti-corruption activities (Toby Bishop, director of the Deloitte Forensic Center, Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP from Chicago, former president and CEO of ACFE Global Texas, USA);
- Co-operation between the compliance function and internal audit in fraud prevention (Piotr Chmiel, PTC Ltd., compliance team manager);
- CBA as an element of the anti-corruption mechanisms in Poland (Iwona Czerniec, expert, anti-corruption policy coordinator at the CBA HQ);
- Models used for the fraud risk assessment (Dimiter Dinev, founder and chairman of The Association for Counteraction to Economic Fraud);
- Selected methods of the crime detection analysis (Artur Gębicz, deputy director of the Internal Audit Department in Bank BGŻ);
- Implementation process of the proactive tools of the irregularities prevention in the Police and the Early Intervention System (SWI) (Krystyna Gęsik, Małgorzata Chmielewska – police HQ);
- Using the law on distribution of digits in order to assess the reliability of the financial and accounting data – chosen examples (Marzena Farbaniec, Tadeusz Grabiński, Bartłomiej Zabłocki, Waclaw Zajac – Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski Krakow University);

- Internal audit yesterday and today – last changes and prospects for the future development (Piotr Hans, internal auditor of the NOVOL Capital Group, lecturer of the SKwP);
- “Vanishing target” compliance audit in practice (Piotr Jaworski, co-author of the management control procedures, owner of the Consulting Company);
- Co-operation of the external and internal auditors (Piotr Kołodziejczyk, member of the National Chamber of the Chartered Accountants);
- Verbal ethics – gesture ethics, supporting the business relations and image of the 3rd Millennium (Elżbieta Maria Komorowska, PIKW consultant in Warsaw);
- Control best practices– new challenges and problems (Eugeniusz Koncewoj, member of the Management Board Ingenium Foundation);
- Why the companies do not like internal investigations and how it should be mitigated? (Bartłomiej Kowalczyk, Internal Audit, Coca-Cola HBC Poland);
- Condition of the financial statements in Serbia (Miroslav Milojević, director of the Economy and Finance Institute in Belgrad);
- Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board (Andrzej S. Nartowski, president of the Polish Institute of Directors);
- Audit concepts in scope of the assessment and self-assessment of the corporate governance in public administration (Grzegorz Piątek, internal auditor of the Regional Labour Office in Zielona Gora, PIKW coach, former vice-president of the IIA Poland);
- The role of the whistleblowing in corporate governance (Wojciech Rogowski, expert, National Bank of Poland, Allerhand Institute);
- Selected steps of the fraud risk mapping – fraud risk assessment and preparation of the action plan, role of the internal auditors in risk management (Rodan Svoboda, president, Eurodan, former General Director of the IIA Czech Republic);
- Compliance function as an indispensable element of the control system (Leszek Taterka, compliance manager, Bank Zachodni WBK S.A.);
- Fighting against fraud – first step – the room of the Management Board! (Caroline Waddicor, managing director, Hibis Europe Ltd.);
- Kinesthetics and analysis of the speech – supporting tools for internal audit, control and fighting with corruption and fraud (Wiesław Zyskowski, owner of Zyskowski – Szkolenia, Doradztwo, Consulting, former police officer).

At the end of the first day of the Congress a meeting (named “EuroIIC 2011”) of the Members of IIC Polska took place together with representatives of The Institute for Internal Controls (TheIIC) from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Italy,

Serbia, United Kingdom and Ireland. The meeting was conducted by Mikołaj Rappé-Niemirski, member of the IIC Management Board, together with IIC Polska President, Edmund J. Saunders, who appeared for the first time in his role of The IIC European Region Coordinator. One of the important resolutions was the creating in Belgrade of the Serbian IIC Chapter, whose Chairman is to be Professor Miroslav Milojević, Director of the Institute for Economics and Finance in Belgrade.

Participation in the event is awarded with 18 Continuing Professional Education credits (CPE).

During the Congress were promoted several publications (e.g.: *Kontrola wewnętrzna – zintegrowana struktura ramowa – COSO I [Internal Control – Integrated Framework]*, Warsaw 2008; *Zarządzanie ryzykiem korporacyjnym – zintegrowana struktura ramowa COSO II [Enterprise Risk Management – Integrated Framework]*, Warsaw 2007; *COSO III – Przewodnik jak monitorować systemy kontroli wewnętrznej [COSO Guidance on how to monitor Internal Control]*, Warsaw 2011; *Audyt i kontrola wewnętrzna w przedsiębiorstwach i administracji publicznej [Audit and Internal Control in the Corporate and Public Sectors]*, Warsaw 2011).