

The ICAEW outstanding achievement award

Business consultant and better regulation specialist Teresa Graham OBE was the winner of this year's ICAEW outstanding achievement award. She also became the first female in the award's 28-year history to be given the prestigious accolade.



She received the award in recognition of her contribution to the small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) sector, to better regulation and to the accountancy profession. She has been a consistent champion in the area of deregulation, regulation for SMEs, particularly in the area of deregulation.

She qualified as a chartered accountant with Price Waterhouse in 1980, having obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. After moving to London, she became a partner in Baker Tilly in 1989 and now works as an independent consultant to the firm. In 1994 she became the LSCA's first woman Chairman.

Graham became a recognised authority for better regulation following a secondment to the government's enterprise and deregulation unit in 1987. She was appointed to the Deregulation Advisory Panel in 1988 and is the only member to have served on the committee throughout its existence.

Her passion and dedication to the cause of improving regulation contributed to her appointment as deputy chairman of the government's Better Regulation Commission on which she has served since 1997. In that role, she has helped to drive a culture of change across Whitehall and in 2006 she was appointed chair of the Administrative Burden Advisory Board. She is a strategic adviser to ambitious growing businesses and is also chairman of the London Entrepreneur's Club and patron of Network, a national forum for women in business.

In accepting her award, Graham said: "I am deeply honoured to have been presented with this award for outstanding achievement. It is particularly special to me as it is given by my peers within the accountancy profession, so many of whom I have known and admired for so long."

LSCA holds integrity seminar

The London Society is holding a seminar in November on integrity. This free event will be based on the ICAEW consultation document Reporting with Integrity. This is part of the Information for Better Markets series of publications being produced by the ICAEW technical strategy department.

It will be held at 3pm on 20 November 2007 at Chartered Accountants' Hall. The seminar will also cover practical examples of how integrity works within different organisations.

A debate will follow the presentations when the delegates will be able to participate in the discussions on the Reporting with Integrity report.

Speakers are Robert Hodgkinson and Anne Davis from the ICAEW's technical strategy directorate, Richard Anderson, partner at Grant Thornton and Tom Dowdall, head of corporate policies at BT.

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Still time to book for the LSCA City Lunch

There's still time to book for the LSCA City Lunch. The event will be held on 21 November in the Great Hall, Chartered Accountants' Hall.

Neil Wood, chief finance officer and board member of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG), is the guest speaker.

He is also a partner in Deloitte and a fellow of the ICAEW. He qualified as an accountant in 1989, and became a partner in 2000. Wood was awarded an MBE in the 2006 New Year's Honours list for his services to the London 2012 Olympic bid.

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Table price £42.13 + vat per person = £49.50
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