The IIA Birmingham Chapter Newsletter
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2021 Spring Virtual Conference

The 2021 Spring Virtual Conference will be held from Tuesday, March 2, 2020 through Thursday, March 4, 2020 from 8:30am to 12:30pm each day.

Day 1 – March 2: The guest speaker, Dr. Melissa Gratias, will be presenting The ROI of Time Management; Crazy Productive Tips for Microsoft Outlook; and Rituals that WORK – How to Gain Control of Your Time.

Day 2 – March 3: The guest speaker, Robert Mainardi, will be presenting Best Practices throughout the Audit Process.

Day 3 – March 4: Robert Mainardi will be presenting Communication and Relationship Building
Recipients can receive up to **12 CPE credits**. Registration closes **Monday, March 1st** at 12:00pm.

To register for the Spring Virtual Conference, [Click Here!](#)

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**Upcoming IIA Birmingham Chapter Events**

Stay tuned for details and registration information regarding upcoming IIA Birmingham Chapter events occurring in April and May!

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**2021 General Audit Management Conference**

The 2021 GAM Conference will be held at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Orlando, Florida from March 16 – 18, 2021.

For 42 years, the GAM Conference has been the essential experience audit executives trust to be influential, engaging, and informative. This tradition of excellence will continue in 2021 with a new theme: **Internal Audit Recharged: Ready. Relevant. Resilient.** The content will focus on moving beyond disruption to rethinking audit practices and leading in the new norm. The industry’s best and brightest will share their perspectives on optimally positioning today’s audit leaders for future advancement.

Participants can earn up to **16.5 CPEs**. An additional **4.2 CPEs** are available with the pre-conference workshop (in-person and livestream), and **4.8 CPEs** are available with the pre-conference CAE Forum (in-person). [Click here to register!](#)

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**Open IIA Birmingham Chapter Board Positions**

The IIA Birmingham Chapter is currently filling open board positions. If you are interested in serving on the Board during the upcoming Chapter year, please email Marilyn Thomas at [mcthomas@uab.edu](mailto:mcthomas@uab.edu). Board positions may include Chapter programming, monthly meetings, conferences, and more.

We’re looking forward to a great upcoming Chapter year!
CIA Exam Prep Online Instructor-led Courses

The Birmingham, Middle Georgia and Columbus Chapters will be partnering with The IIA to offer online CIA® review classes starting March 8, 2021 using The IIA’s CIA Learning System®. An expert instructor will lead you through the global CIA exam syllabus in a structured and interactive online class environment to ensure you understand and can apply the critical CIA topics.

Course Dates/Times:
Part 2: March 8, 10, 12, 15 from 12:00 - 4:00PM CT

Chapter members will receive a discounted price of $695/Part 2. For more information or to register for this course, please contact IIA Customer Relations at 407-937-1111 and provide your chapter name to qualify for the discount.

Newly Certified Members

Please join the Board in congratulating the following members on recently obtaining an IIA certification!! Way to Go!

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<td>Blake Labrato</td>
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Demonstrate Your Credential With The IIA Certification Registry

The IIA is excited to announce the launch of The IIA Certification Registry. The IIA Certification Registry is an up-to-date record of individuals who have earned an IIA certification and maintain it by reporting continuing professional education (CPE) to keep their credential active. All IIA active certification holders who choose to voluntarily opt-in will be included in the registry. The IIA Certification Registry allows you to provide evidence of your accomplishments and provides an opportunity for employers and recruiters to verify your IIA designations.

The IIA Standards require continuing professional education (CPE) of all internal auditors. The IIA’s Professional Certification Board requires all certification holders to complete and report CPE annually so their certifications remain in good standing. Individuals who do not meet the annual CPE requirement will not be included in The IIA Certification Registry nor can they claim the certification status.
Birmingham Chapter Website Job Postings
As a service to our members, the IIA Birmingham Chapter can post your organization’s Internal Audit (and related) open positions on our website. To view posted positions on our website [Click Here!](#)

To post or update an open position(s), contact David Alexander at david.alexander2@bbva.com

Why Become Certified?
Discover the top 10 reasons to become certified and learn more about the premier designation of the internal audit profession, as well as IIA’s four specialty exams. ([Click here](#))

Upcoming IIA Webinars

- **Encore Webinar: Driving Impact and Influence Through Data-driven Auditing and Automation**
  March 10, 2021
  CPE Hours Available – 1 CPE

- **Auditing Legal Marijuana**
  March 11, 2021
  CPE Hours Available – 2 CPEs
IIA- HQ Sponsored Seminars
The IIA offers Seminars covering multiple courses around the country and also online during the year. Upcoming online seminars include the following:

- The Effective Auditor: Understanding and Applying Emotional Intelligence – March 23 - April 1, 2021 (link)
- Tools for New Auditors - Online-only Course - April 19-30, 2021 (link)

Clink on the links above for more information (including courses) for IIA Seminars.

Birmingham Chapter Discount for Gleim CIA Study Materials
Gleim now offers a truly adaptive CIA Review! The 2021 Gleim CIA Review with SmartAdapt™ targets weaknesses and eliminates guesswork, streamlining and optimizing your study time so you don’t waste time while preparing for your exam. This system includes our Access Until You Pass® guarantee, 45+ hours of video lectures, and the best bank of multiple-choice questions available. We’ve trained more CIAs than any other review course and have the experience to guide you to exam success! IIA chapter members—order now and save up to 20% on the Gleim Premium CIA Review System!

See the following link for more information: Gleim Study

The IIA’s CIA Learning System
The IIA’s CIA Learning System is a comprehensive training course designed to provide chapters, members, and the audit community of professionals with information and tools to master the global CIA exam syllabus. Take advantage of the best prep materials out there by ordering yours today! See the following link: CIA Learning System. The CIA Learning System is also available in a facilitated format online or in person. Follow the link for more information (link).
IIA Book of the Month

Agile Auditing: Transforming the Internal Audit Process

By: Rick A. Wright Jr., CIA

Agile IA includes process improvements, team-based iterative planning, sprints (time-boxed work increments), daily stand-up meetings, project collaboration with stakeholders, and iterative releases of work products.

Member Price: $119.99

Click here to order your copy today!

2020 - 2021 IIA Birmingham Chapter Event Schedule

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Planning for the 2021 spring training sessions is currently underway. Event dates and locations will be headed your way soon!

In addition to this Newsletter, information about upcoming Chapter meetings, announcements, and much more can be found on the [IIA Birmingham Chapter's Website](#).

We want to hear from you! Please send your email to james.clay@bbva.com with your comments and/or suggestions about this or future Birmingham IIA Chapter newsletters as well as topic ideas for monthly IIA Chapter meetings and semi-annual IIA conferences.