

New Opportunities for SMPs and SMEs



Transparency, Finance
and Simplification in a
European Context

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Steigenberger Kurhaus Hotel
Scheveningen

The European Federation of Accountants (FEE) is pleased to present the 3rd FEE Annual European SME/SMP Congress on 6th and 7th September 2007. The theme for the 2007 Congress is:

New Opportunities for SMPs and SMEs

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This year's Congress is to be held at the Steigenberger Kurhaus Hotel Scheveningen, The Hague in the Netherlands, a wonderful beach hotel with an impressive history.

The Congress will address a wide spectrum of subjects in the accounting and auditing profession, of interest to small and medium-sized entities. The Congress is organised by the FEE in association with Royal NIVRA and NOvAA, the two professional bodies for the accounting and auditing profession in the Netherlands.

The Congress fee for this year is € 695,00.

The Congress rate does not include hotel reservation.

The official language for this year's Congress is English. However, translation into French and Spanish will be available. Full information on the programme, hotels and registration can be obtained through the special website: www.nivra.nl/fee.

Programme

Thursday, 6 September 2007

10.30-13.30 hrs:

Registration

13.30-14.00 hrs:

Opening of the Congress and Keynote speech:

Jacques Potdevin (FEE President)

FEE and the outlook on SMEs and SMPs

Congress Chair, Hans van Damme (FEE Deputy President)

14.00-14.30 hrs:

Keynote speech:

Relevant developments in the Netherlands including simplification and access to finance

Speaker: Loek Hermans (Chairman, Royal Association MKB-Nederland)

14.30-15.00 hrs:

Keynote speech:

Relevant EU developments including simplification, impact of Statutory Audit Directive on small practitioners, liability of auditors, etc...

Speaker:

Pierre Delsaux (Director, DG Internal Market, European Commission)

15.00-15.30 hrs:

Coffee break

15.30-16.30 hrs:

Parallel workshops:

Access to finance and new markets

Facilitator: Robin Jarvis (Member, FEE SME/SMP Working Party and IFAC SMP Committee, UK)

Speakers: Prof. Leo Verhoef (Rapporteur, EC Roundtable between banks and SMEs), Han de Ruiter (Director, SME relations, ABN-AMRO Bank), Wolfgang Stegmann (Vice-President, DATEV, Germany)

Networks and networking

Facilitator: José Maria Bové (FEE Vice-President and Chairman of the FEE SME/SMP Working Party, Spain)

Speakers: Paul Dinkgreve (Partner, JAN Accountants, Board Member SRA, The Netherlands), Jens Poll (Member, FEE SME/SMP Working Party and IFAC SMP Committee, Germany), David Maxwell (Chairman, EGIAN)

16.30-16.45 hrs:

Coffee break

16.45-18.15 hrs:

Parallel workshops:

Reduction of administrative burden "Cutting the red tape"

Facilitator: Albert Folia (President, Arc Méditerranéen des Auditeurs (AMA))

Speakers: Roberto Tizzano (Member, IAASB, Italy), Jeroen Nijland (Project Director, Ministry of Finance, The Netherlands), Vladimír Kralicek (President, Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic), Prof. Francis Chittenden (Deputy Chairman, FEE SME/SMP Working Party, ACCA, Professor of Small Business Finance, Manchester University, UK)

Assurance Services for SMEs

Setting the scene: John Kellas (Chairman, IAASB)

Facilitator: Torben Haaning (FEE Vice-President, Denmark)

Speakers: Jürgen Tiedje (Head of Auditing Unit, DG Internal Market, European Commission), Robert Hodgkinson (Executive Director, Technical, ICAEW, UK), Paul M. Koster (Board Member, Executive Board, AFM, Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets, Chairman of CESRfin)

Evening programme: *Gala Dinner, Steigenberger Kurhaus Hotel*

19.00-23.00 hrs:

Friday, 7 September 2007

09.00-09.05 hrs:

Opening:

Dirk ter Harmsel (NOvAA President)

Congress Chair, Hans van Damme (FEE Deputy President)

09.05-10.45 hrs:

Plenary session:

Financial Reporting for SMEs: How does IFRS for SMEs fit within the European scene?

Setting the scene: Philippe Danjou (Board Member, IASB)

Facilitator: Prof. Henk Langendijk (NIVRA-Nijenrode Accounting University, The Netherlands)

Speakers: Stig Enevoldsen (Chairman, EFRAG TEG), Sylvie Voghel (IFAC Board Member, Chair, IFAC SMP Committee), Angela van Os (Financial Manager, Anthura BV, The Netherlands)

10.45-11.15 hrs:

Coffee break

11.15-12.45 hrs:

Parallel workshops:

Working in an audit firm!

Facilitator: André Killesse (FEE Vice-President, Belgium)

Speakers: Prof. Lionel Escaffre (Former President, Le Club des Jeunes Experts-Comptables et Commissaires aux Comptes (CJEC) and President of Young Auditor Meeting (YAM), France), Harald Ring (Former FEE Vice-President, Former President IDW, Germany), Hans Koning (Managing Partner, Berk, The Netherlands)

Tax reporting and SMEs

Facilitator: Stefano Marchese (FEE Vice-President and Chairman FEE Direct Tax Working Party, Italy)

Speakers: Stephen Dale (Chairman, FEE Indirect Tax Working Party, EC official on tax simplification, UK), Hugo van den Ende (Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers, The Netherlands), Rabbe Nevalainen (President, Finnish Institute of Authorised Public Accountants)

12.45-14.15 hrs:

Lunch

14.15-16.15 hrs:

Plenary session:

New developments for accountants: Future of the office including influence of IT, XBRL, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Main speech by Prof. Dr. Roger J. M. Dassen (CEO, Deloitte, The Netherlands) with a series of interviews involving experts:

Roger Adams (GRI Board Member, UK), Jean-Claude Spitz (Vice-President, Ordre des Experts Comptables, France), Jacques Potdevin (FEE President), Willem van Wijngaarden (NIVRA President), Dirk ter Harmsel (NOvAA President)

Journalist leading the debate: Jeroen Smit (The Netherlands)

16.15-16.30 hrs:

Wrap-up, Hans van Damme (FEE Deputy President)

16.30-16.40 hrs:

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Uffe Conrad (Managing Director, FSR Denmark) and Henry Heiberg (Chairman of the Fourth FEE European SME/SMP Congress, Copenhagen)

16.40-16.45 hrs:

Close of the Congress, Willem van Wijngaarden (NIVRA President)

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