



The IABP strengthened partnership with the Lancaster University Management School



In July, the IABP's SG, his Special Advisor and the Dean of the Lancaster University Management School Professor

Sue Cox discussed and agreed cooperation in IABP's Corporate Governance Initiative.

The IABP's interest in this academic partnership is firstly to draw on academic expertise for the development of a methodologically sound assessment model for companies' relationship with politicians at all levels. Secondly, the IABP is keen to "capture" the unique experience of its Business and Parliament schemes, which has never been the object of scientific research.

Over a 40-year period, since its establishment, the Lancaster University Management School has become one of the UK's leading business schools. Given its 6-star rating, it is judged as a centre of world class research in business and management.



represented at the OSCE PA in Edinburgh. The IABP's contribution was highlighted by an interview by CNBC Europe, one of the worlds leading broadcasting companies.

The Rt Hon Bruce George MP, a Vice President of the IABP has completed his presidency with his second consecutive term at the OSCE PA. He brings to the IABP a unique experience, which enriches the organisational knowledge. Given his outstanding performance and great respect from colleagues all over the globe, the IABP has an immense opportunity to spread its best practice among the parliaments of emerging democracies.

On the IABP's Research Questions:

We had very interesting insight from New Zealand and Spain.

On the question which part of their work national schemes found easier, Lindsay McCallum of the NZBPT writes "I tend to find working with business easier than with parliamentarians, largely because the latter have their own political agendas and it is often difficult to anticipate their response to the Trust's various programmes and events". The same ethos was observed in the responses of Spanish colleagues.

Among the most difficult problems: Circulo mentions scheduling the meetings and getting MP's time commitment over 8-10 day study programmes. The answer from NZBPT was: "Operating Trust programmes around the demands and constraints of parliamentary life; ensuring that corporate members maintain quality standards and abide by the Trust's Study Programme criteria; and coping with unexpected management changes in those companies that are in membership with the Trust".



OSCE Parliamentary Assembly is the highly regarded political forum bringing together parliamentary delegations of 54 countries from Vancouver to Vladivostok.

IABP's participation at this annual event in Edinburgh was a remarkable step in increasing the organisation's profile and in promoting its national schemes as well as its new initiatives. Meetings with heads of delegations from Armenia, Croatia and Romania as well as with entire delegation of the Republic of Ireland confirmed high interest and the need of setting up Business and Parliament schemes in these countries.

The forum was used to announce the launch of the scheme under IABP's emerging democracies programme by the Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia.

It was an important learning exercise for the IABP, which allowed a closer look at the current challenges of young democracies and problems confronting peace and stability in the wider Europe.

Secretary General of the IABP met representatives of the NATO's Parliamentary Assembly, EU Parliament as well as delegations of various countries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The IABP is looking forward to contributions from the national schemes and their member multinational companies, interested to contribute to the Corporate Governance Programme. The aim of the initiative is to discuss the government relations aspect of corporate governance and develop an appropriate assessment model. For more information, please, contact the SG.

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We are in the process of receiving the nominations for the Board of MEPs. We will highly appreciate receiving nominations from those national schemes which have not sent them yet. Thank you for your cooperation.

New service for Board members of national Business and Parliament schemes

- The IABP is an immensely strong networking resource, which is underutilised. To begin a greater use of this network the IABP is offering a service to the Board members of national schemes. (In total they number approximately 150).
- We would welcome Board members of the national schemes who are visiting London making contact with IABP headquarters at St James Square.
- Although Board members visiting London will have their own contacts, the IABP is offering to help with any contacts they are seeking and to assist with any other reasonable requests,
- The IABP will assist Board members of one national scheme visiting another country with a national scheme make contact with their counterparts on the scheme's Board.
- Directors of the national schemes are asked to bring this service to the attention of their Board members.