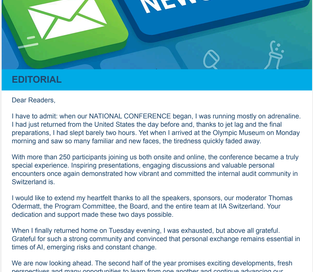
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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

I have to admit: when our NATIONAL CONFERENCE began, I was running mostly on adrenaline. I had just returned from the United States the day before and, thanks to jet lag and the final preparations, I had slept barely two hours. Yet when I arrived at the Olympic Museum on Monday morning and saw so many familiar and new faces, the tiredness quickly faded away.

With more than 250 participants joining us both onsite and online, the conference became a truly special experience. Inspiring presentations, engaging discussions and valuable personal encounters once again demonstrated how vibrant and committed the internal audit community in Switzerland is.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the speakers, sponsors, our moderator Thomas Odermatt, the Program Committee, the Board, and the entire team at IIA Switzerland. Your dedication and support made these two days possible.

When I finally returned home on Tuesday evening, I was exhausted, but above all grateful. Grateful for such a strong community and convinced that personal exchange remains essential in times of AI, emerging risks and constant change.

We are now looking ahead. The second half of the year promises exciting developments, fresh perspectives and many opportunities to learn from one another and continue advancing our profession together.

Warm regards and enjoy reading this issue of our newsletter!

Sandra Würmli
Co-CEO IIA Switzerland

PROFESSIONAL FORUM

Share your practical expertise!

We welcome professional articles and experience reports from your daily work. Send us your contribution and we will gladly provide a platform for your ideas and insights in our newsletter.

EU Mini Benchmark: The Report



How do Internal Audit and the Second Line collaborate across Europe? The new **EU Mini Benchmark Report** highlights current practices, challenges and success factors for coordinated assurance and provides valuable comparisons between European countries.

Audit professionals from Switzerland also contributed to the survey.

Download The Report

RiF 2026/27: Interim Findings



Which risks are shaping the internal audit agenda across Europe? **The Interim Findings of Risk in Focus 2026/27** provide early insights into the views of Chief Audit Executives and show how organisations prioritise, manage and obtain assurance over key risks through internal audit.

A valuable reference for **risk assessment, audit planning** and **assurance priorities**.

Read RiF 2026/27

Topical Requirements: Guidance for Practitioners ⭐

They continue to evolve



The newly issued **Topical Requirement on Resilience** provides a risk-based framework for assessing organisational resilience.

At the same time, the public consultation on the **Topical Requirement on Anti-Corruption** is underway. Once finalised, it will establish mandatory requirements for auditing anti-corruption programs.

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An EQA Perspective

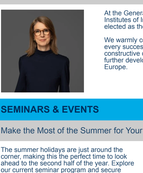


The Professional Service Firms Group (PSFG) developed a **whitepaper on the application of the Topical Requirements from an EQA perspective**.

Following the first presentation at the NC 2026 in Lausanne, the publication will be released in the coming weeks.

NEWS & UPDATES

General Assembly 2026



The 2026 GA in Pictures

Discover the highlights of the day in our photo gallery.

The 2026 General Assembly at Zurich Airport attracted a record number of participants. Alongside the statutory agenda items, the **re-election of Board members** and the **election of three new Board members** were key highlights: **Emanuela Andina Bernasconi** (centre), **Mario Kündig** (left) and **Christian Jung** (right).

At the first Board meeting following the General Assembly, **Mario Kündig** was unanimously elected **Vice President of IIA Switzerland** on June 12, 2026.

View the Minutes

The minutes of the General Assembly are available in the members' area of our website under "MY IIAS > General Assembly IIAS 2026".

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

Once again, the NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026 provided an inspiring platform for professional exchange, new perspectives and valuable networking opportunities within the audit and governance community.
Engaging presentations, topical subjects and stimulating discussions shaped two dynamic conference days.



Those wishing to revisit the highlights or relive the unique atmosphere of the event can explore the most memorable moments of the NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026 in our photo gallery.

The NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026 in Pictures

Participants can download the presentations from the members' area of our website under "MY IIAS > Courses > Events > IIAS NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026".

Access the Presentations

Internal News



Since May 1, 2026, **Zita Neff** has once again been responsible for the accounting function of the IIA Switzerland Office. Having previously worked with the Institute, she is already very familiar with its operations and environment.

We are delighted to welcome her back to our team. With her experience and expertise, she ensures continuity and the professional management of our administrative and financial processes.

Meet Our Team

ECIIA - News

At the General Assembly of the European Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditing (ECIIA), **Andrea Bracht** was elected as the new President.

We warmly congratulate Andrea on her election and wish her every success in her new role. We also look forward to a constructive collaboration and to jointly contributing to the further development of the internal audit profession across Europe.

Learn More About ECIIA

SEMINARS & EVENTS

Make the Most of the Summer for Your Professional Development Planning

The summer holidays are just around the corner, making this the perfect time to look ahead to the second half of the year. Explore our current seminar program and secure your place early. Our practical training courses help you strengthen your skills, stay up to date professionally and earn valuable CPE credits.

Discover Our Seminar Program

Our Events

ECIIA Conference 2026

Learn More & Register

The **ECIIA Conference 2026** celebrates the 25th anniversary of the European Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditing. On October 15 and 16, 2026, internal audit professionals from across Europe will gather in Brussels to discuss current developments in **cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, regulation** and **geopolitical risk**.

The conference offers 14 CPE credits and can be attended either in person or online.

ERFA & GROUPS

Conference of the ERFA Group «Internal Audits with a Public Mandate» on May 7, 2026, in Solothurn

Download the Key Takeaways

Cyber risks, auditing at the intersection of innovation and control, compliance in development cooperation and public-sector communications: the ERFA Conference provided practical insights into current challenges and valuable inspiration for everyday professional practice.
High-calibre speakers from the private sector, public administration and non-profit organisations shared their experiences and presented practical solutions.

Discover the key findings and highlights in the conference report.

NEW CORPORATE MEMBER

We are delighted to welcome **Messer SE & Co. KGaA**, represented by **CAE Alexandra Rieke**, as a new Corporate Member of IIA Switzerland.

Together, we aim to promote professional exchange and actively advance our profession.

Meet Our New Member

Is your organisation not yet a member? Discover the benefits of membership and become part of our strong professional network.

Learn More & Become a Member

CERTIFICATIONS – on the rise

Explore the CIA Challenge Program

Access to the **CIA Challenge Exam** is becoming even more attractive: from **July 2, 2026**, candidates may apply to take the exam in 7 items. The 2-part challenge version will be available from **September 1, 2026**, making the path to the internationally recognised CIA designation even more accessible.

Explore the CRMA Certification

The **Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA)** is now accessible without the previous CIA prerequisite. Professionals can therefore demonstrate their expertise in **risk, governance** and **assurance** more quickly and further strengthen their credentials.

Congratulations to the following graduates:

CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR CIA

Dzafic Samra, Jakab Zsolt, Mueller Stefan, Oswald Caroline, Randriamarolo Tefinanahary, Stefenovic Lejla, Vogel Corina

INTERNAL AUDIT PRACTITIONER

Benchah Kawtar, Langer Jannik, Ries Dennis

CERTIFICATION IN RISK MANAGEMENT ASSURANCE

Bielang Johannes, Hasic Eldar

We extend our best wishes to them all for their future careers.

📣 To conclude:

We welcome your feedback. If you would like to report missing topics or papers, or suggest additions or corrections, please email us at info@iias.ch.

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