

Professionalism

Today & Tomorrow

True professionalism requires ongoing growth. For this reason, in addition to the guidance provided by the *Standards, Code of Ethics*, and Practice Advisories, The IIA's Professional Practices Framework comprises leading-edge, up-to-the-minute development and practice aids. These professional development resources consist of conferences and seminars, educational products and research reports, specialty services, periodicals, Web-based training programs, benchmarking, and other unique IIA services and programs. To learn about specific offerings, become familiar with The IIA's Web site, www.theiia.org. To access specific development and practice aids, simply click on the Services, Training, Certification, Publications, and Technology buttons at the top of the screen. To find out which developmental and practice aids relate to specific standards, go to the Professional Practices Framework section and click on *Attribute* or *Performance Standards*.

IIA Affiliation

Certainly, one of the most critically important aspects of professionalism in any career is affiliation with key professional associations. In internal auditing, the top association is The Institute of Internal Auditors. Not only does being a part of the global association that guides the profession lend its members credibility, but also it puts the power of thought-leaders and best internal audit practice behind those members. The global network of tens of thousands of practitioners from all around the world positions IIA members to stay informed about trends, best practices, and challenges to the profession. To learn more about The Institute and its mission and objectives, click The IIA button on the Home Page. And for IIA membership information and services, visit "Membership" at www.theiia.org.



The IIA's specialty programs in the areas of gaming, control self-assessment, financial services, and CAE services provide focused attention to the challenges of specialty practitioners. For a small fee, IIA members can tap into resources that specifically address their unique needs.

The Institute's Web site is also richly populated with internal audit resources on key issues such as ERM, internal control, fraud, ethics, audit management, audit skills, and corporate governance. Use the Home Page search engine for finding topical resources.

Internal Auditor is the world's leading publication covering the internal audit profession. Around the globe, the magazine's readership includes internal auditors; executives and managers in private industry, nonprofit organizations, and government; and professionalism-related fields, such as public accounting, education, information systems, and security.

Tone at the Top, The IIA's corporate governance newsletter, provides guidance to boards and management on fully utilizing internal auditing, maintaining an ethical corporate culture, and meeting organizational goals and objectives while effectively complying with rules, regulations, and best practices.

GAIN – the Global Auditing Information Network – and Flash Surveys serve as valuable benchmarking tools for enhanced services, informed decision-making, and strategic planning. Through GAIN, you can determine how your audit department stands in relation to others and exactly where it might fall short of exemplary practice and professionalism.

The IIA Research Foundation provides valuable research on issues that profoundly affect the profession. The Foundation publishes research reports and other educational materials for distribution to practitioners, schools, libraries, organizations, and the general public; administers grants to increase and improve internal audit education in colleges and universities; sponsors educational forums and public discussions that educate practitioners, scholars, and the general public on specific areas of internal auditing; and provides grants to individuals or organizations undertaking worthwhile projects in research or educational areas that will further the profession.