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About the IofAM

The Institute of Association Management (IofAM) is an independent professional body made up of managers and senior staff responsible for the management, development and governance of trade bodies, professional institutes, societies, chambers of commerce, voluntary organisations, charities and other representative groups.

The IofAM aims to provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas on topics relating to **Association Management** – that is: the application of knowledge and expertise necessary for the beneficial governance, management, marketing, promotion and development of associations and related organisations.

The purpose of the Institute is to develop, promote and share best practice for the benefit of IofAM members and all those involved in the governance of associations. Specific objectives are: to help members develop their professional capabilities, to maintain effective communication links, to facilitate networking, to represent members' varied interests and to influence legislators, decision makers and opinion formers on matters of concern to members.

To achieve its objectives, the IofAM offers a forum for education, training and development, dissemination of information, networking, and research.

The IofAM was founded as the Secretaries Club in 1933, eventually becoming the Society of Association Executives. A substantial reorganisation in 2000 saw the birth of the Institute of Association Management.

Several levels of membership are offered reflecting the seniority of members and the size and structure of member organisations. We also offer a special rate for retired members.

Member benefits include direct access to updated industry news, a range of seminars and networking events, insider information on our campaign and lobbying work, and a variety of discounts and special offers. All members are entitled to use the designatory letters FIAM, MIAM or AIAM.

Business Affiliate membership offers access to a growing list of several hundred UK-based associations representing an enormous range of regulatory bodies, trade associations, professional institutes, chambers of commerce and membership groups. Business Affiliate membership is offered to manufacturers, consultants, educational experts and service providers keen to access this significant hotel, travel, conference and communications market.

For details on membership please visit the IofAM website: <http://www.iofam.org.uk>.

To apply for membership or to discuss joining, please contact the IofAM on 0870 330 8624 or iofam@secretariat.org.uk.