# The UK's largest treasury event

rom modest beginnings as a conference on treasury management in 1985, the ACT Annual Conference has expanded over the years to become the flagship event for corporate treasury, risk and finance professionals.

As the leading professional body for international treasury, the ACT is best placed to ensure that you and your team remain up to speed on what's happening in the world of treasury, risk and corporate finance. What sets the ACT Annual Conference apart is its attention to the detail of treasury management in practice alongside a focus on the crucial issues facing treasurers in business and the wider global economy.

Each year the programme draws on the ACT's extensive network of experienced practitioners and experts to bring you keynote addresses from market leaders together with focused and practical comment on all aspects of treasury from those in the field. 2011 will be no exception, with a fully revamped programme and a two-day format designed to offer the most effective and productive use of your time out of the office.

Topics to be covered range across the entire field of treasury. How well prepared are treasurers for the changes that Basel III will bring to the cost of borrowing from banks?

What alternative

methods of funding are worth considering?
How valuable is a corporate credit rating?

With this year's main conference themes being risk, regulation and the recovery, the ACT Annual Conference is the forum to ensure that you are prepared for whatever lies ahead.

We invite you to be a part of treasury leadership in action at the ACT Annual Conference 2011.

### **EXHIBITION**

In the brand-new setting of the ACC Liverpool, nearly 60 treasury product and service providers will be gathering to show off their wares. From international banks and technology suppliers to treasury consulting firms, the exhibition brings together leading players in the treasury industry in one concentrated hub. An integral part of the conference experience, it is designed for you to develop existing relationships and forge new links, all under one roof.

Look out for the ACT stand where ACT staff will be on hand to discuss your training, education and membership needs.

#### DINNER IN THE CATHEDRAL

The gala dinner will be held at the breathtaking Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. It is the largest cathedral in the UK and with its magnificent gothic arches the central space offers historical beauty with a modern twist. Guests will be welcomed by Justin Welby, dean of the cathedral, a former group treasurer and currently the ACT's adviser on ethical and personal issues.

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## Meet the speakers

SPEAKERS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING.

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



#### **SIR TERRY LEAHY CEO, TESCO**

Sir Terry was appointed to the board of Tesco after working for the company for just over a decade. Within three years of his appointment, Tesco had become the nation's biggest supermarket and two years later he was appointed chief executive. Charged with cementing the company's leading position and expanding into international markets, Sir Terry has been judged by business observers and competitors alike to be a resounding success in his time in charge.

#### **KEYNOTE PANELLISTS**



#### MICHAEL KIRKWOOD CHAIRMAN, ONDRA PARTNERS, AND NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UKFI

Michael Kirkwood is chairman of corporate advisory firm Ondra Partners, a non-executive director of UK Financial Investments (UKFI), vice chairman of PricewaterhouseCoopers' advisory board and senior adviser to Eros International. He was previously Citigroup's UK senior officer and chairman of corporate banking until he retired from the bank at the end of 2008 to take up his current portfolio of senior appointments. He is also on the ACT's advisory board.



#### **ANGELA KNIGHT** CHIEF EXECUTIVE, BBA

Angela Knight is currently chief executive of the British Bankers' Association and a non-executive director of Brewin Dolphin and the Financial Services Skills Council. She entered parliament in 1992 as MP for Erewash and was economic secretary to the Treasury between 1995 and 1997. She was chief executive of the Association of Private Client Investment Managers and Stockbrokers from 1997 to 2006.



#### BARBARA RIDPATH CHIEF EXECUTIVE, ICFR

Barbara Ridpath was executive managing director and head of ratings services, Europe, for Standard & Poor's from 2004 to 2008, responsible for rating activities in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. She joined S&P in 1983 after three years as an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, spearheading S&P's move into international securitisation in the late 1980s and running S&P-ADEF in Paris from 1990 to 1993.

#### **QUESTION TIME HOST**



#### **JON SNOW** JOURNALIST AND BROADCASTER

Before establishing himself as anchor of Channel 4 News, Jon Snow served as diplomatic editor of ITN, covering summits in Washington and Moscow and numerous other international stories. Frequently moving out of the studio, he reported from Germany when the Berlin Wall came down and from South Africa when Nelson Mandela walked to freedom. He has been named RTS Journalist of the Year, and received a BAFTA for Best Factual Contribution to Television.

## **QUESTION TIME PANELLISTS**



#### LORD DAVIES OF ABERSOCH, CBE PARTNER AND VICE CHAIRMAN, CORSAIR CAPITAL

Lord Davies of Abersoch is a partner and vice chairman of Corsair Capital, a private equity firm specialising in financial services. He is also non-executive chairman of PineBridge Investments, chair of the advisory board of Moelis, and non-executive director at Diageo. He was minister for trade, investment and small business from January 2009 until May 2010 and prior to this appointment was chairman of Standard Chartered.



#### ANDREW SHILSTON FINANCE DIRECTOR, ROLLS-ROYCE, AND FELLOW OF THE ACT

Andrew Shilston trained as a chartered accountant, working in BP and Abbott Laboratories before joining Enterprise Oil in 1984 at the time of flotation. He became treasurer in 1989 and finance director in 1993. After the sale of Enterprise Oil to Shell in 2002, he joined Rolls-Royce as finance director from January 2003. He has served as a non-executive director of AEA Technology and Cairn Energy.

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