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**ICMA Recognizes Top Performers on  
Certified Management Accountant (CMA) Exam**

**Montvale, N.J., February 26, 2008** – The Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA®), the certification division of IMA®, announced today the leading performers on its Certified Management Accountant (CMA®) examination during the Summer 2007 period.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, were awarded to three individuals who received the highest exam scores. ICMA also awarded a Certificate of Distinguished Performance to five individuals in recognition of their noteworthy exam results, a Student Performance Award to the student who attained the highest exam score, as well as one outstanding performer on the CFM® exam.

“We commend these individuals for their excellent performance on the CMA exam, which maps directly to the daily responsibilities of accounting and finance professionals working in industry,” said Paul A. Sharman, ACMA, IMA president and CEO. “The achievement of these professionals demonstrates their commitment to becoming strategic business partners inside their organizations. Further, the geographic representation of these award winners reflects the international scope of this globally recognized designation.”

Of the more than 4,500 candidates who sat for the CMA exam during the Summer 2007 period, the following were recognized for their exceptional achievement:

- **Mr. Ardak T. Utegulov** of Atyrau, Kazakhstan, employed by Agip KCO, received the Johnson & Johnson Gold Medal for receiving the highest score on the CMA exam.
- **Mr. David A. Adkins** of Yokohama, Japan, employed by Hyperion Solutions, received the Johnson & Johnson Silver Medal for receiving the second-highest score on the exam.
- **Mr. Peter A. Wirtala** of Joplin, MO, USA, employed by Schrieber Foods Inc., received the Johnson & Johnson Bronze Medal for receiving the third-highest score on the exam.
- A Certificate of Distinguished Performance was awarded to the following for their high exam scores: **Mr. Robert D. Dunn** of Fort Washington, PA, USA; **Mr. Joseph N. Keller** of Minneapolis, MN, USA; **Mr. Zesheng Lin** of DongDuan, People’s Republic of China; **Mr. Victor T. Omiyale** of Lewisville, TX, USA; and **Mr. Billy Sugianto** of Woburn, MA, USA.
- **Ms. Shiyong Zhong** of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, received the Student Performance Award for receiving the highest exam score by a college student.

ICMA also awarded a Johnson & Johnson Gold Medal to **Ms. Cao Yang** of Shanghai, People's Republic of China, for achieving the highest score on the Certified Financial Manager (CFM<sup>®</sup>) exam. The CFM exam, which is also administered by ICMA, tests candidates on their competence in areas such as financial statement analysis, working capital policy, capital structures, valuation issues, and risk management.

All award winners will be honored during a recognition dinner at **IMA's 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Exposition**, being held in Tampa, FL, on June 14-18, 2008.

#### **About the CMA<sup>®</sup>**

The CMA certification is a comprehensive credentialing program that assesses competency in the management accounting and financial management body of knowledge, which represents a broad range of controllership knowledge and skills. Subject matter of the four-part exam includes economics, corporate finance, cost management, internal controls, performance measurement, financial reporting, decision analysis, organization management and strategic planning, with a strong emphasis on ethics. IMA's recent Job Analysis Study confirms that the exam content is consistent with the on-the-job functions performed by management accountants.

#### **About IMA<sup>®</sup>**

With a worldwide network of more than 60,000 professionals, IMA is the world's leading organization dedicated to empowering accounting and finance professionals to drive business performance. IMA provides a dynamic forum for professionals to advance their careers through Certified Management Accountant (CMA<sup>®</sup>) certification, research, professional education, networking, and advocacy of the highest ethical and professional standards. For more information about IMA, please visit [www.imanet.org](http://www.imanet.org).

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