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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ICMA Announces Leading Performers on CMA (Certified Management Accountant) Exam

**Montvale, N.J., January 23, 2015** – ICMA<sup>®</sup> (Institute of Certified Management Accountants), the certification division of IMA<sup>®</sup> (Institute of Management Accountants), today announced the most recent group of leading performers on its CMA<sup>®</sup> (Certified Management Accountant) examination, recognizing individuals in both the English and Simplified Chinese exam programs.

Of the 5,726 individuals who took the CMA exam in English during the September/October 2014 testing period, medals were awarded to the following for their exceptional performance:

- **Nicolas P. Lehmann**, of Bottmingen, Switzerland, received the ICMA Gold Medal for achieving the highest exam score.
- **Ran Cheng**, of Shanghai, People's Republic of China, received the ICMA Silver Medal for achieving the second-highest exam score.
- **Michael Piecuch**, of Los Angeles, Calif., and **David Unterdorfer**, of Rotterdam, Netherlands, received the ICMA Bronze Medal for achieving the third-highest exam score.

For the English exam during this testing period, ICMA also awarded Certificates of Distinguished Performance to the following: **Mahmoud Galal Eldamasy, Sr.**, of Mit Ghamr, Egypt; **Miriam Leong Hapiz**, of Taguig City, Philippines; **Jiming Qin**, of Henan, China; **William B. Tayler**, of Provo, Utah; and **Sijia Yang**, of Shanghai, China. In addition, **John Michael Pulanco Dela Cruz**, of BacoorCavite, Philippines, received the Priscilla S. Payne Student Performance Award for achieving the highest score as a college student during this testing period.

"ICMA congratulates these award recipients and recognizes their achievement," said Samuel C. Weaver, Ph.D., CMA, CFM, chair of ICMA Board of Regents. "As has been consistent over the most recent testing periods, this group of award recipients once again exemplifies the broad geographic diversity of the CMA program. This past fiscal year, ICMA certified more than 3,000 members, and the number of CMAs now stands at an all-time high. By earning this credential, CMAs are helping improve their career outlook and contribute to the success of their respective organizations."

Of the 2,165 individuals who took the two-part CMA exam in Simplified Chinese during the August 2014 testing period, ICMA recognized the following for their outstanding performance:

- **Jian Wu**, of Lvliang received the ICMA Gold Medal for achieving the highest exam score.
- **Zengyan Sheng**, of Nanjing received the ICMA Silver Medal for achieving the second-highest exam score.
- **Yitian Gu**, of Nanjing received the ICMA Bronze medal for achieving the third-highest exam score.

In addition, ICMA recognized the following with Certificates of Distinguished Performance: **Weili Lin** of Beijing; **Yue Lu**, of Nanjing; **Zhixin Tan**, of Chengdu; **Yuping Tao**, of Guangzhou; and **Fangzhi Wang**, of Nankai. The Student Performance Award went to **Xiaonan Sun**, of Qingdao, who achieved the highest score as a student during this testing period.

Weaver said, "We're once again pleased to recognize the award recipients for our Chinese-language CMA exam program, which has experienced strong demand. We expect this program will continue to attract employees at state-owned enterprises as well as other professionals seeking to enhance their skills in financial planning, analysis, control, and decision support."

For more information about the CMA program, please visit the IMA website at [www.imanet.org/certification.asp](http://www.imanet.org/certification.asp).

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