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A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE IAFE

Dear Subscribers,

This spring the IAFE committees hosted a variety of events for practitioners and students alike. In addition to our regular evening forums the IAFE hosted its first members-only happy hour. Nearly 40 IAFE members and guests gathered in late April in New York for drinks and conversation. Due to the success of this event, we will be hosting another one in the fall. The IAFE is also planning on debuting special member-only seminars in the fall to complement our regular series of evening forums.

SPRING RECAP OF EVENTS

A Simple Approach to Default Correlations: A Presentation by Robert Engle
March 3, 2005
New York City

The recently revamped Credit Risk Committee hosted their first event of the year featuring Nobel laureate Robert Engle with over 200 in attendance. To view the slides from this presentation please refer to the IAFE homepage at www.iafe.org. Thank you to Institutional Investor Journals and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for their generous support of this event.

How I Became a Quant
March 24, 2005
New York City

The Education Committee hosted another installment of this always popular program. Over 150 students and professionals, who are considering the field of quantitative finance, assembled for a panel discussion followed by a question and answer session. Due to the success of this program in New York, the IAFE has already hosted a similar panel in Boston and has plans to expand to other cities as well. Thank you to the International Securities Exchange for their generous support of this event.

Stories from the Field and the Long View of Operational Risk
April 7, 2005
New York City

The IAFE's Operational Risk Committee brought together a group of veterans in the field to share their historic perspective of where the operational risk field has come from, changes that have occurred over the years, and where they see the discipline heading in the future. The committee is now looking into hosting a similar event on the same topic this fall in London. Thank you to Algorithmics for their generous support of this event.

IAFE Membership

In late 2004 we announced our new simplified membership system with expanded benefits. Under the new system, all IAFE members will be able to enjoy the same membership privileges. If you have not renewed your membership for 2005, now is a great time to do so.

Following are the details of our new membership system:

- Whereas in the past membership had been based on a calendar year, our new system will be subscription based. Now all members will be able to get a full year of membership benefits, regardless of when they join.
- The two previous membership levels have been eliminated in favor of one general membership so that all members enjoy the same benefits.
- Under the new system, all IAFE members are now entitled to enjoy substantial discounts on nine Institutional Investor Journals, including the official IAFE publication, *The Journal of Derivatives.* With discounts ranging from 25% to 50% on a variety of publications, there are now even more benefits to being a member. IAFE members can subscribe to as many journals as they want at the discounted prices at any point in the year. This discount applies to both new subscriptions and renewals.

To join, simply complete the membership application at the back of the journal or use our online form at www.iafe.org.

Best regards,

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