

**IUCN**  
**WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS**  
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## **Election of IUCN Treasurer**

**Action Requested:** The World Conservation Congress is requested to ELECT the Treasurer for IUCN.

### **Background**

1. In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 30 to the IUCN Statutes, the Director General wrote to members on 7 September 2007 inviting them to submit nominations for the Treasurer of IUCN. The Director General indicated in her letter that the current Treasurer, Mr Sven Sandström, although eligible under the Statutes to stand for re-election, had decided not to seek a second term as Treasurer.
2. In May 2007, the Council appointed a Nominations Committee to assist in the selection process for the President, Treasurer and Commission Chairs, under the leadership of IUCN Regional Councillor, Mr Alistair Gammell. The Committee revised and updated the Terms of Reference for the Treasurer of IUCN which were sent out to members by the Director General in September 2007.
3. The Council, at its 69<sup>th</sup> meeting on 10–12 March 2008, approved the following recommendation of the Council Nominations Committee for the position of IUCN Treasurer:
  - Mr Kurt Ramin, GermanyThe candidate has declared his willingness to serve if elected.
4. Biographical information on Mr Ramin is attached for consideration by the World Conservation Congress.

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## KURT PAUL RAMIN

### Personal

Nationality: German

Date of Birth: 06 November 1942, Liebenwalde (near Berlin), Germany

### Education

- Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Accounting and Finance, Central Michigan University, USA, 1972
- Diplom-Betriebswirt (BA) in Marketing and Accounting, Fachhochschule Cologne, Germany, 1968

### Professional Status

- Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (through Wharton School, USA)
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA), New York

### Professional Experience (Brief Overview)

Kurt Ramin was elected Global Chairman of the XBRL International Steering Committee and served as the longest acting Chairman (3 years) of that organization from 2004 to 2006. He was named Emeritus Chairman, XBRL International, at the end of 2006.

XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language ([www.xbrl.org](http://www.xbrl.org))) is a language for the electronic communication of business and financial data which is revolutionizing business reporting around the world. It provides major benefits in the preparation, analysis and communication of business information. It offers cost savings, greater efficiency and improved accuracy and reliability to all those involved in supplying or using financial data.

Kurt Ramin was Chairman of several international conferences on XBRL and Business Reporting (speakers included SEC Chairman Christopher Cox and other key presenters of the worldwide business reporting community).

In a press release (28 July 2005) by Mr. Paul Volcker (Chairman of the IASC Foundation Trustees and former Chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board) Kurt Ramin was asked to lead the International Accounting Committee Foundation's (IASCF) efforts on XBRL and also to 'assist the Trustees and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) in their outreach to countries in the process of adopting IFRS (International Accounting Standards)'.

Kurt Ramin travelled and introduced XBRL and IFRS in over 70 countries around the globe. The XBRL/IFRS Taxonomy is now the leading global XBRL taxonomy. At the IASCF, he also was responsible for initiating the localization and translation of IFRSs and establishing an education and marketing/seminar function. IFRSs are now translated into over 50 languages and used by over 100 countries around the globe.

In 1997, as a partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), New York, Kurt Ramin was seconded to the International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) in London. He then became the IASC's first Commercial Director. At PwC he was a member of the firm's Capital Markets practice dealing with the firm's European clients in providing audit, tax and merger and acquisition services.

Other professional experiences include:

- Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer (North America) for Beiersdorf, Inc., producer of 'Nivea' cosmetics and medical products. Kurt Ramin installed modern operating systems (just in time inventory systems and fast financial reporting close) and negotiated a major labour contract.

- Controller, International Operations, for Emery Industries, a chemical company
- Assistant European Controller, Dow Corning, leading silicone manufacturer
- Director Administration, Mercedes- Benz Credit Corporation
- Personal assistant to Mr. Hugo Mann (owner). At the time of one of the largest Hypermarkets in the world
- Buyer, Otto Versand, a large mail order company
- Industrial trainee at a shoe manufacturing company (design and work flow)
- Apprenticeship at Teroson-Werke, a chemical company

### **National and International Positions and Memberships**

- Financial Executives International (FEI). Past president of one of their largest chapters and member of their Globalization Oversight Committee
- American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA), member
- Honorary member of the German CPA society
- Past Chairman of CIPAEN (Certified Professional Accountant Education Network) in conjunction with US Aid
- Presented XBRL at the World Congress of Accountants in Istanbul, 2006
- Listed in Who's Who in the World (America's leading biographical reference source) 1998
- Board member of several other organizations and companies

### **Additional Activities**

Published articles on International Accounting and Capital Market subjects in international books and magazines (International Finance and Accounting Handbook, Journal of Accountancy, Lawyer's Handbook, and others). Established working relationship with major stock exchanges, accounting standard setters (incl. FASB and SEC), large software companies and the big accounting firms around the world.

### **Other Interests**

Cycling (cycled in Rotary International's Polio-ride Moscow to Holland (2003) and Boston to Chicago (2005), skiing, golf and other outdoor activities.