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ACAMS announces EU conference agenda dedicated to combating financial crime

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Speakers from City of London Police and Scotland Yard represent UK LEAs at ACAMS' 11th AML & Financial Crime Conference Europe on 28th – 29th May.

London, UK, May 5th, 2015 – In response to ever-increasing threats posed by state sponsored terrorism and to enable the AML community to mitigate the risks posed by foreign terror fighters, ACAMS (Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists) will host UK law enforcement agencies for its 11th Annual European conference entitled *Innovative Tools to Combat Financial Crime*, on 28th and 29th May 2015 in London.

The agenda for this two day event includes an examination of changes brought about by the European 4th AML Directive and the rise in legal and regulatory actions that hold AML personally accountable for their institutions failures. The scale of terror related crime threats in Europe was highlighted by the shocking terrorist activity targeting the Charlie Hebdo magazine, which took place in Paris, a shootout with a terror cell in Belgium and two slayings in Denmark earlier in 2015.

A poll of more than 1,500 attendees at ACAMS' 20th annual conference in March showed that 63% of the respondents do not believe current AML controls are suited to identify the financing of terrorism. 58% said they had limited knowledge of terrorist financing trends and typologies, with the latter being a particularly important element of an institution's toolkit to detect inappropriate activity. The poll also highlighted a desire to receive more guidance and support directly from law enforcement and intelligence agencies (94% of respondents).

In response to this, the European conference is delighted to welcome three senior LEA individuals to the agenda, with **Detective Chief Superintendent Dave Clark, Head of the Economic Crime Directorate at the City of London Police** as a keynote speaker.

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In addition, **Andy McDonald, Head of the UK National Terrorist Financial Investigation Unit (NTFIU) at New Scotland Yard** and **Robbert Springorum, Deputy Head of The Netherlands Police Financial Investigation Unit** will be discussion panelists. They will join **Justine Walker, Financial Crime Director (Sanctions and Bribery) at the British Bankers Association** and **Fabrice Borsello, Chief AML Risk Officer at Western Union**, to debate *How to protect your institution from the latest terrorist financing activities*.

“ACAMS believes that a strong public private partnership between law enforcement agencies and the AML profession is the best way to fight financial crime successfully and in particular, mitigate the growing risks from terrorist financing”, says Angela Salter, Head of Europe at ACAMS.

Other key speakers

The ACAMS 11th European conference will bring together some of the world's leading authorities in global AML and financial crime prevention including:

- **Rene Bruelhart, President, Financial Intelligence Authority (AIF) at Vatican City**, who, over the past two years, has revised The Vatican's banking procedures and imposed globally accepted standards of transparency on the Holy See.
- **David Swanney, Executive Secretary of The Joint Money Laundering Steering Group** and a Director of the British Bankers Association;
- **Paul Sharma, Managing Director at Alvarez & Marsal**. Currently a consultant, Mr. Sharma was formerly Deputy Head of the UK's Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and an Executive Director of the Bank of England.
- **Rick Small, Executive Director, Financial Services Organization at EY** and Chairman of the ACAMS Advisory Board.

Bruelhart, Swanney and Sharma will be joined by many other respected global AML professionals, including Peter Hazlewood, Global Head of AML Compliance at HSBC; Markus Schulz, Global Head of Financial Crime Compliance Controls at Standard Chartered Bank; and Karim Rajwani, Global Head of Anti-Fraud, Theft and Corruption Strategy at Deutsche Bank. The agenda also includes other leading experts on sanctions, AML and KYC best practice, regulatory policy and law

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enforcement from the worlds of banking, money services, insurance, consultancy, legal professionals and academia.

Agenda snapshot

Other industry challenges and financial crime hot topics to be debated include:

- Preparing to implement the EU's 4th AML Directive;
- Risk and how to fine-tune your Institution's Risk Assessment Process;
- Identifying common themes from headline-making enforcement actions;
- Navigating the sanctions landscape including Russia, the Ukraine, Yemen, Syria, Cuba and Iran;

“Risk management continues to challenge AML professionals and the financial sector is balancing how to retain certain accounts, with when to exit other banking relationships. Our European conference will explore this in detail and help delegates to understand the latest FATF and FCA guidance on de-risking, what regulators look for when evaluating an institution's risk policies and how to support financial inclusion initiatives without running afoul of laws or regulations,” says John Byrne, Esq., CAMS, Executive VP at ACAMS.

Further conference information

The ACAMS 11th Annual AML & Financial Crime Conference Europe – Innovative Tools to Combat Financial Crime, takes place on 28th – 29th May 2015 at the Park Plaza Hotel, Westminster Bridge, with an additional pre-conference training day on 27th May. Visit <http://www.amleurope.org/2015/default.asp> for further information about the conference.

Notes to editors

Conference press pass availability

Full conference passes are available upon request to approved members of the media who wish to attend and report on the event. A copy of the ACAMS press policy is available at:

http://www.amleurope.org/2015/docs/2014_ACAMS_Conference_Press_Policy.pdf.

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About ACAMS (Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists)

ACAMS is the largest international membership organization dedicated to enhancing the knowledge and skills of AML and financial crime professionals from a wide range of industries, with extensive resources designed to develop and sharpen the skills required for superior job performance and career development. Its CAMS certification is the most widely recognized AML certification among compliance professionals worldwide.

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