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Introducing ACI...

Firstly, thank you to *FX Week* for allowing ACI UK this monthly slot in their publication. We are pleased to have this additional method to communicate with the 13,000 global ACI members, as well as those involved in our industry who are not members of the world's largest financial markets association.

We look forward to using this column to disseminate information about our activities – globally and locally.

What is ACI?

The Financial Markets Association represents the interests of its members working within financial institutions or financial services providers. Members are, for the most part, engaged within financial trading or related environments in global financial markets. That is to say, foreign exchange, interest rate products and other securities, banknotes and bullion, precious metals and commodities, and their various derivatives.

Founded in 1955, ACI is a non-commercial organisation, which draws members from 68 countries. Its headquarters are in Paris.

ACI provides a standard to the international financial markets in terms of:

- maintaining a professional level of competence and ethical standards;
- giving advice and offering arbitration services in professional disagreements or disputes;
- working with regulators and central banks around the world in a neutral advisory capacity;
- offering a global financial market examination suite (ACI dealing certificate, the new ACI operations certificate and the ACI diploma); and
- personal and professional networking.

Upcoming events

ACI UK hosts monthly evening drinks for members and friends on the first Thursday of every month from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The venue alternates each month, but we ensure that our members know where to find us. The following is a listing of other upcoming events:



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- 28th March** – ACI Channel Islands AGM
- 24th April** – Public Sector Service conference on FX Diversification (ACI UK to chair)
- 22nd May** – ACI UK annual charity golf day (supported by Forex Ireland Golf Society (FIGS))
- 29th-31st May** – 47th ACI World Congress at the Austria Center, Vienna

For more details of any of the above events or for any enquiries about ACI membership, please email ACIUKMembers@aol.com or see the websites www.aciforex.com (Global); www.aci-uk.com (UK); www.aci-austria.com (Annual Congress)

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