



Photo: CAFRAL Advanced Bank Management Program participants with G Gopalakrishna, Director, CAFRAL

Highlights of the CAFRAL Advanced Bank Management Program

CAFRAL and Robert Smith School, University of Maryland, USA had organised a first-of-its-kind International program tailored for the Senior Executives of commercial banks in India, financial institutions and Reserve Bank of India with an objective to enhance the competency in policy formulation and technical skill levels of the senior executives. It was a two weeks residential program with each session carefully structured to combine conceptual clarity with practical experiences delivered by academicians, industry professionals, subject-matter experts and policy leaders. The program structure included visits to regulators, supra-national Institutions and financial institutions, keynote, case study discussions and lecture sessions; a total of 26 Sessions, 9 Visits to Institutions and was delivered by 47 Speakers.

The program was attended by 24 participants from 13 public sector banks, 4 private sector banks, 2 financial institutions and Reserve Bank of India. The Program has been found to be highly beneficial by the Participants. Robert H. Smith School has issued Advanced Banking certificate to the participants on their successful completion of the Course.

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Media Coverage

- **The Huffington Post:** [US and International Financial bodies are 'Highly Impressed' with India's Growth](#)
- **Business Standard:** [US and international financial bodies bullish on India](#)



Top: G Gopalakrishna, Ashish Makhija, Krishna Sastry Pendyala; Bottom: P Sharath Kumar, Mehul Thakkar, Ravi Sangvai
CAFRAL in collaboration with ICAI conducted a unique learning workshop for the banks on **Forensic Audit, Cyber Security and Digital Forensics** on September 22-23, 2015 at Mumbai.

The objective of the two-day workshop was to strengthen the capabilities in forensic audit and fraud detection with the use of forensic tools, capacity building for investigative skills in cyber security using digital forensics. The program aimed

at developing insights in emerging trends in cyber security management in the banks and strategising to manage fraud risks.

Eminent speakers & practitioners who conducted very illuminating and learning sessions included P. Sharath Kumar, *CA & Fraud Examiner, Senior Partner, Sarath & Associates*, Mehul Thakkar, *CA, CISA, DISA, CEH, MOS, Excel Trainer & Solutions Developer*, Ashish Makhija, *Managing Attorney, AMC Law Firm*, Patrick Kishore, *Chief Operating Officer, Institute for Development and Research in Banking*, Krishna Sastry Pendyala, *Head-Fraud Management and Forensics Tata Consultancy Services*, Yogesh Thanage, *Senior Project Manager* & Shashank Borude, *Instructor, Data Security Council of India (DSCI)*, Pune Cyber Lab (A joint initiative of Pune police and NASSCOM-DSCI), Anil Anisetti, *Director, eSF Labs Pvt. Ltd*, Dr Hema Acharya, *Scientific Officer, Forensic Psychology Division, Directorate of Forensic Science, Gandhinagar*, Gary Singh MD & Sagarika Chakraborty, *CEO, IIRIS Consulting*, Dr. Sanjay Chougule, *Sr. General Manager, Global Head-Internal Audit & Financial Crime Prevention, ICICI Bank*. There was overwhelming response from the participants. The contents and learning was highly appreciated and found to be practical by the participants.

Upcoming Events

Conference on Implementation and Compliance of Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Standards

November 30, 2015 at The Classroom, Taj Lands End, Bandra (W), Mumbai (The Classroom is a State-of-the-Art multiple facility Centre wherein Experts and Practitioners will interact through Teleconference and Telepresence and participants can interact with speakers from Multiple location on real-time basis)

The objective of the program is to provide conceptual clarity and practical insights on ALM and effective risk management, Reflecting on the most important AML issues facing the industry by focusing on KYC Risk Rating, Customer Segmentation, Case Study on penalties, and STR filed to FIU, to sensitise the participants with the requirements role of FIU IND and AML/CFT Guidelines and Compliance / Submission of CTR, STR and reporting to FIU IND by the banks and to understand and appreciate legal Repercussions of delayed/non-submission.

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Business Strategy and Managing Strategic Risks

December 8-9, 2015 at The Rendezvous, Taj Mahal Palace, Apollo Bunder, Mumbai

The objective of the program is to share tools and models that can help guide this process. The program, through extensive use of case studies and group exercises, will prompt participants to consider their own particular business situations and apply learnings to it. The program will be delivered by Dr. Patrick McConnell, an Honorary Fellow at Macquarie University Applied Finance Centre (MAFC), Sydney, Australia.

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