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Netherlands-based ABN AMRO is a leading international bank with total assets of EUR 637.5 bln (as at 30 September 2004). It has over 3,000 branches in more than 60 countries and territories, and has a staff of about 104,000 full-time equivalents worldwide. ABN AMRO is listed on the Euronext and New York stock exchanges.

ABN AMRO operates through three Strategic Business Units, each responsible for managing a distinct client segment. Wholesale Clients provides integrated corporate and investment banking services to corporate, institutional and public sector clients worldwide. Consumer & Commercial Clients focuses on retail and SME clients in three home markets - the Netherlands, the US and Brazil and in a number of selected growth markets. Private Clients & Asset Management provides private banking services to wealthy clients and investment products to financial intermediaries and institutional clients.

ABN AMRO's Wholesale Clients Strategic Business Unit provides integrated corporate and investment banking solutions to around 10,000 corporate, institutional and public sector clients in over 45 countries. Its client-led approach is sector based and structured around four product groups: Financial Markets, which includes fixed income, syndicated loans, treasury, structured and project finance and risk management; Working Capital, which offers liquidity management, global payments and receivables and trade finance; Corporate Finance & Equities, providing corporate advisory as well as equity capital markets expertise and secondary market services; and Private Equity. With a global network, specialists in all major industry sectors and a broad range of products, ABN AMRO provides local and global expertise for complex cross-border deals.

Centre for Risk and Insurance (CRIS), Nottingham University Business School



The Centre for Risk and Insurance Studies (CRIS) was formed in 1991, originally as the University of Nottingham Insurance Centre. It is one of the world's leading specialist university centres for risk and insurance. The Centre maintains close links with the insurance industry and others working in risk management. It has been very successful in attracting industry as well as research council sponsorship. The research programme of the Centre reflects public policy priorities as well as those expressed from the insurance industry and covers not only traditional insurance activities but also risk management more generally. The Centre also organises a number of conferences, including the annual Conference of UK Insurance Economists, a forum for academics and those in the industry to hear and discuss the latest research.



The American Risk & Insurance Association

The American Risk & Insurance Association is the premier professional association of insurance scholars and other thoughtful insurance and risk management professionals. Through ARIA, members receive many valuable tools and opportunities for enlightenment, growth and education. Conferences, research papers, and recognition combine to make ARIA well worth joining.

Founded in 1932, the association's membership is comprised of academics, individual insurance industry representatives, and institutional sponsors. ARIA emphasizes research relevant to the operational concerns and functions of insurance professionals, and provides resources, information and support on important insurance issues. Our goals also include the expansion and improvement of academic instruction to students of risk management and insurance. To that end, we:

1. Encourage research on all significant aspects of risk management and insurance;
2. Communicate the findings of our research;
3. Provide forums for scholarly discussion of risk management and insurance matters;
4. Publish materials which contribute to the general purpose of the association; and
5. Develop and maintain relations with other U.S. and international organizations with similar objectives and interests.
6. Maintain a job database for terminally qualified academicians and professionals desiring academic positions.

ARIA's ability to provide networking, information, and support on important insurance issues makes it a valuable organization to its members. Those provisions come from a variety of awards, publications, and conferences, including The Journal of Risk and Insurance, Risk Management and Insurance Review, ARIA's Annual Meeting, and the annual Risk Theory Seminar.