



Welcome to the January 2026 edition of the IFRIMA Quarterly Update

The global risk and insurance landscape is evolving rapidly, and our member organisations continue to lead the way – hosting impactful events, publishing valuable insights, and shaping thought leadership across the sector. If your association has upcoming initiatives or news to share, please email the Secretariat to secure a feature in the next edition. We encourage you to share this newsletter with your membership networks to help amplify these contributions.

Yours in risk and insurance,

The IFRIMA Team

Member Leadership & Awards

Manny Padilla Appointed 2026 President of RIMS



RIMS has announced the appointment of Manuel “Manny” Padilla as its 2026 President, effective 1 January 2026. Padilla becomes the Society’s 70th President and the first of Hispanic descent to hold the role.

Manny currently serves as Vice President, Risk Management & Insurance at MacAndrews & Forbes Incorporated, a diversified holding company with interests spanning cosmetics, entertainment, gaming, banking, media, defence, mining, and biotechnology. Since joining the company in 1992, he has led a broad range of enterprise risk management activities, including risk analysis, insurance procurement, claims management, and settlement of first- and third-party claims.

As President, Manny has emphasised the need for risk professionals to take a leadership role in shaping corporate cultures that support innovation, growth, and strategic investment, starting with investing in their own professional development.

RIMS is excited to be led by Manny Padilla during his 2026 presidency and anticipates a year of strong leadership focused on investing in people, elevating the profession, and fostering collaboration across the global risk management community.

Joining Manny Padilla on RIMS 2026 Global Board of Directors are the following risk management leaders

- **President: Manuel Padilla**, RIMS-CRMP, ARM, AIC, SPPA, CIPRIA, ERIS, MLIS; Vice President, Risk Management & Insurance, MacAndrews & Forbes Incorporated.
- **President-Elect: Christy Kaufman**; Vice President, P&C Risk and Compliance, USAA.
- **Treasurer: Penni Chambers**; Senior Vice President, Risk Management, Hillwood, a Perot Company.

- **Secretary: Christie Weinstein**; Senior Director, Risk Management, Solstice Advanced Materials Inc.

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Italian Risk Awards 2025

Winners of the third edition of the ANRA awards



The winners of the third edition of the **Italian Risk Awards**, organised by **ANRA**, were announced during the association's traditional members' evening for the exchange of Christmas greetings, held at Area Pergolesi in Milan on 11 December 2025. The awards recognise excellence, innovation, and professional commitment in advancing the culture of risk management in Italy.

The 2025 award recipients are:

- Rising Star of the Year: **Assunta Cima**, Risk Manager, Italian State Railways
- Innovation of the Year: **Guido Mastrobuono**, Program Director, Value, Risk and Systems
- Risk Manager of the Year: **Alessandra Romeo**, Risk Methodologies Manager, Saipem SpA

The winners were selected by a Jury Committee comprising leading ANRA representatives, including current President Gabriella Fraire and past Presidents Roberto Bosco, Carlo Cosimi, and Paolo Rubini.

A key highlight of the evening was the announcement of a new award category for 2026: Insurance Manager of the Year. The event was supported by partners Chubb and EY, reinforcing its role as a major forum for engagement within Italy's risk management and corporate insurance community.

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Member News & Updates

ARM Co-Hosts RISK'E-2025 Conference on Emerging Risk Management Challenges



On November 13–14, 2025, the 11th Scientific and Practical Conference “Risk Management: New Challenges, Problems, and Solutions RISK'E-2025” was held at the Emperor Alexander I St. Petersburg State Transport University.

The conference was held with the participation of the Risk Management Association “Russian Risk Management Society,” the Central Economics and Mathematics Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Faculty of Management of the St. Petersburg State University of Economics, InfoTeKS JSC, and Stroyproekt Institute JSC. D.A. Pashkovsky, Director of the Risk Management and Internal Control Development Department at Gazprom, was a special guest at the conference.

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ARM Seminar Explores Cyber Risk Insurance for Large Industrial Companies

Towards the end of November 2025, ARM held another session of its permanent seminar series at the Faculty of Economics, Lomonosov Moscow State University. The seminar addressed “Cyber Risk Insurance and Digital Threat Protection”, with discussions centred on insurance solutions for large industrial companies facing increasing digital and cyber risks.



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Young Risk Managers Examine ESG and Climate Risks in BRICS+ Countries



On 4 December 2025, as part of ARM's “Laboratory of a Young Risk Manager” initiative, the 8th scientific conference for students and postgraduate researchers took place at MGIMO University. The conference explored ESG transformation risks in BRICS+ countries, with a particular focus on climate adaptation projects, funding mechanisms, associated risks, and outcomes.

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World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Risks Report 2026: Overview

The Global Risks Report 2026, now in its 21st edition, marks the midpoint of a turbulent decade and provides insight into the evolving global risk landscape. The report analyses risks across three time horizons to support decision-makers in balancing immediate challenges with longer-term priorities.

Based on insights from the Global Risks Perception Survey, which gathered views from over 1,300 experts worldwide, the report examines risks in the immediate term (2026), short- to medium-term (to 2028), and long term (to 2036). It also explores the implications and interconnections of these risks through six in-depth thematic analyses, offering valuable guidance for risk leaders navigating increasing global complexity.

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PARIMA News: Geopolitical Volatility: From Globalisation to Fragmentation and the Future of Risk Management

A decade ago, the world was defined by open trade, cross-border collaboration and seamless global supply chains. Businesses expanded with confidence, and risk managers focused mainly on financial, operational, and compliance risks. Geopolitics, though noted, often sat on the sidelines. However, that era is over. With the rise of protectionism, populism, and technological rivalry has transformed geopolitics into a daily business concern. Today, political decisions can ripple across markets overnight, disrupt supply chains, and reshape corporate strategy...

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FERMA 2026 International Risk Manager Survey

2026 International Risk Manager Survey Launched



FERMA has officially launched the Global Risk Manager Survey 2026, marking the second consecutive edition of its expanded collaboration with leading international risk management associations, including **RIMS**, **PARIMA**, **Alarys**, **IRMSA**, and **Club Francorisk**.

Covering Europe, the United States, Latin America, Asia Pacific, and Africa, the survey represents the most comprehensive global study of trends, challenges, and developments shaping the risk management profession today. The survey is produced in partnership with PwC France.

Building on more than 20 years of insight into the European risk landscape, the 2026 edition continues to examine the evolving role of risk management in an increasingly complex and rapidly changing environment. Key focus areas include:

- Corporate risk strategy
- ESG and sustainability
- Compliance and risk transfer
- Innovation and emerging risks, including climate change, artificial intelligence, and geopolitical risks

The results will be published in October 2026 and presented during a dedicated session at the FERMA Forum in Rotterdam.

[Complete Survey Here >](#)

Conference Highlights

Upcoming IFRIMA Member Events

- **AIRMIC | The Risk Forum**
11 February 2026 | London
- **BELRIM | BELRIM Ladies Mind Risk 2026**
4 March 2026 | Brussels
- **RIMS | Legislative Summit**
18 - 19 March 2026 | Washington DC
- **ARM «Russian Risk Management Society» | General Meeting**
26 March 2026 | Russia
- **RIMS | RISKWORLD 2026**
3 - 6 May 2026 | Philadelphia

Visit the IFRIMA website to learn more about member events.



Members Trending on Social Media

IFRIMA's LinkedIn page is steadily growing. We need your help to put us on the map as a leading source of risk and insurance news and insights!

Here are a few stats for Nov'25 - Jan'26

Total Following: 1,722

12 635 Organic Impressions

188 Page views

374 Reactions

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