

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **Frank Vogl**

Mr. Vogl spent almost 15 years in journalism upon graduating from the University of Leeds, with his first few years with *Reuters* in London and then in Brussels. He is a former European Business Correspondent of *The Times* of London (1970-1974) and subsequently U.S. Economics Correspondent of *The Times* (1974-1981) and former Chief Spokesman and Director of Information and Public Affairs of *The World Bank* (1981-1990).

Mr. Vogl's responsibilities at the World Bank included providing counsel to the president and managing the full array of the institution's public relations in its 150 member countries; governmental public affairs, investor and business relations, media relations, internal communications, community relations and speechwriting. In 1990, Vogl Communications, Inc. was established. The company provides extensive media relations work for clients who seek broad international contacts and exposure through the business pages of the world's leading business and finance publications. Vogl Communications, Inc. assists clients to restructure their international PR departments, to redefine their visions and strategies as they go global, and determine their best PR approaches for building international approaches. Clients include governments, international official organizations, and private corporations and trade associations. The Tanzanian office was opened in view of the increasing amount of government and corporate work that Mr. Vogl was undertaking in the country

Transparency was launched in May 1993 and the Executive members were reelected to their positions in 1996. Today Transparency International has 55 national chapters around the world.

### **Antonio Vives**

Mr. Vives, a Venezuelan citizen, has been Chief of the Infrastructure and Financial Markets Division, a technical advisory and support unit for policy operations of the Inter-American Development Bank since September 1994.

Before that, for the previous 15 years, he has been with the Inter-American Development Bank in various capacities, as investment officer for private sector operations, operations officer, chief of the advisory office of the Operations Department and Division Chief for Argentina, Paraguay, Mexico, Panama and Chile.

Before joining the Bank, Mr. Vives was a professor at the Simon Bolivar University and the IESA Graduate School of Management in Venezuela, and at Carnegie Mellon, George Washington and Virginia Tech universities in the United States. He has authored a book on corporate financial evaluation and numerous articles on financial management and private infrastructure. He holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from the Central University of Venezuela, a master's degree in Industrial Administration, and a doctorate in Corporate Finance, both from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Bert T. Edwards**

Mr. Edwards was an audit partner in the Arthur Andersen, Washington, D.C., office for 24 years prior to his 1994 retirement. He was his Firm's Industry Head for Nonprofit and Higher Education Organizations, and had Firmwide technical responsibilities for his Firm's Federal, state and local governmental accounting and audit practice. He has been involved in numerous projects including Federal Government Accounting Principles (1) when he served on the Advisory Group to the joint U.S.-Canadian Federal Government Reporting Study; Government Audit Organizations; (2) when he was the engagement partner with responsibility for an economy and efficient study (peer review) of the Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts and a review of the internal audit capability of the D.C.; and (3) when he served as the engagement partner on the audits of the D.C., Cities of Rockville, New Carrollton and William, Loudoun, and Stafford, Virginia. He was engagement partner for the Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts to develop its *Uniform Financial Reporting Manual*; has served as engagement partner of the audits of a number of local Community Colleges, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; and was the principal auditor and coordinator of the Arthur Andersen 1976 survey of the D.C. government for the U.S. Senate.

Mr. Edwards is active in numerous organizations including the Association of Government Accountants, Government Finance Officers Association, National Association of College and University Business Officers and Association of School Business Officers. He received a BA from Wesleyan University in 1959 and an MBA from Stanford University in 1961. He is a CPA in the District of Columbia and a number of states. He had 33 years of experience with Arthur Andersen prior to his retirement.

**Paul L. Posner**

Dr. Posner is Director of Budget Issues for the U.S. General Accounting Officer where he leads GAO's studies on the long term outlook for the federal deficit, options for addressing the deficit and alternatives for reforming budget structures and processes. He testifies frequently before congressional committees and speaks before professional and academic conferences on these and other issues. He has also led GAO work on tax policy and intergovernmental issues in his 20 year career with the agency. In the mid-1970's, he directed the review of federal grants for the New York City Office of Management and Budget.

Dr. Posner is also Adjunct Professor at the Graduate Public Policy Program at Georgetown University and teaches courses on public policy formulation and implementation. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science at Columbia University in 1995 and was elected a Fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration in 1996.

**Jim Kaplan**

Mr. Kaplan is an audit manger for Fairfax County, Virginia. He has a Master of Science in Accounting from the American University in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and the National Association of Local Government Auditors (NALGA). He represents NALGA on the Electronic Communication Task Form formed by GAO.

From 1989 to 1995 he was a contributing editor for *The Internal Auditor*, the professional journal of the I.I.A., his column *Computers and Auditing* (formerly *PC Exchange*) covered how auditors use computers. His writings appear regularly in *Internal Auditing Alert* by Warren Gorham & Lamont. He is the author of *The Auditor's Guide to Internet Resources*, published by the Institute of Internal Auditors, Inc.

As founder of AuditNet, he developed a home page on the World Wide Web that links auditors around the world with audit related resources. The latest addition to the resources available for auditors is *The Auditor's Guide to Internet Resources* published by the I.I.A. To promote the concept of AuditNet he has spoken at I.I.A. Conferences, I.I.A. chapters, Fraud Conferences, and Intergovernmental Audit Forum meetings. As a writer, educator, lecturer, and dedicated local government auditor, he has promoted and encouraged the use of technology for audit productivity.

**Victoria I. McDowell**

Ms. McDowell has directed Federal government-wide credit management and debt collection programs for more than 12 years with the Financial Management Service of the Department of the Treasury. She served the Department as its lead technical expert in the development of proposed legislation which eventually became the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, signed April 25, 1996. She continues to provide expertise to Congress, to OMB, to GAO and other Government agencies, and the private sector in the implementation of all components of the legislation.

In the area of collection of past-due child support debts, she worked closely with the Department of the Treasury and the Administration in developing what became Executive Order 13109, "Supporting Families: Collecting Delinquent Child Support Obligations", signed September 28, 1996. With the passage of the legislation and executive order, the Financial Management Service established a new organization component -- Debt Management Service -- to manage and operate all the debt collection and debt management responsibilities associated with these two legal authorities. She is the Deputy Assistant Commissioner responsible for the direction and management of operations, including the Treasury Offset Program and debt collection cross-servicing.

Ms. McDowell received her BA and M.ED. Degrees from Pennsylvania State University.

**Gennifer Pearson Sussman**

Gennifer Pearson Sussman is Associate Director of the U.S. Treasury's Office of Technical Assistance and Program Advisor for the Government Debt Issuance and Management Team. Ms. Sussman has twenty-five years of experience as an economist and financial executive in the government and private sectors in the U.S. and Canada. As Finance Director for the \$3 billion Denver airport project she was responsible for the overall financial management of the project and managed the financing team. She has extensive experience in the fields of municipal finance, transportation and resource economics, international economics and economic and fiscal impact analysis. She was previously Senior Economist with Canada's C.D. Howe Research Institute and with the Solar Energy Research Institute. She holds an M.A. degree in Economics from Duke.

**Patrick J. Barrett**

Mr. Barrett is a career public servant who has worked in many departments and offices in the Australian Government since 1957 and was the head of various Divisions in the IAC and Finance for about 12 years and at Deputy Secretary level for over ten years. In recent years he has been concerned with public management, information technology and financial and budgeting issues and, in particular, with the implementation of Public Service reforms. He was appointed Auditor-General on 2 May 1995.

He is currently a Member of the Governing Board of the International Organization of the Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) as well as a Member of the Audit Standards Committee (INTOSAI). He has a Bachelor of Economics degree from Queensland University and a Diploma of Business Administration and is a Fellow of the Australian Society of Certified Practicing Accountants. He is a Member of the Economic Society and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Public Administration in Australia. He completed the Senior Executive Program at Stanford University (USA) in 1989. He was awarded the insignia of Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 1992 Australia Day Honours List.

**A. Premchand**

Mr. Premchand is Assistant Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C. Prior to joining the Fund in 1970, he served as an Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, Andhra University, Waltair, India; worked with the Union Government in New Delhi, and was a consultant, Ford Foundation (India). He has published extensively on government finances and financial management. His books include *Control of Public Expenditures in India* (1963), *Government Budgeting and Expenditure Controls* (1983), *Public Expenditure Management* (1990), and *Effective Government Accounting* (1995). His writings have been translated into Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

Mr. Premchand has edited a book, jointly with Prof. Jesse Burkhead, on *Comparative International Budgeting and Finance* (1984). A symposium edited by him on comparison budgeting is scheduled to appear in *the Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management* in the Spring of 1998. He has provided technical assistance in the area of public financial management to more than forty countries.