

Informa plc

Interim Management Statement

Informa plc (the 'Group') is today releasing a trading update covering the 10 month period ended 31 October 2009 in which it confirms that trading remains in line with management expectations for the full year.

Whilst we have not witnessed any significant changes in trading conditions since we reported our interim results on 29 July 2009, our publishing businesses, which account for around 70% of Group profits, remain resilient and our events and training businesses have not experienced any worsening in performance.

Within our Academic Division, the early indications on renewals for 2010 are good and we do not expect there to be any material difference to previous years. To reflect the challenging environment for academic library budgets, we have placed additional emphasis on working closely with subscription agents and the library community.

Across our other publishing division, Professional and Commercial, growth has slowed a little but with a continued strong focus on cost management the operating margin has increased.

The third quarter is traditionally quiet for the Events and Training Divisions. Those exhibitions and large conferences that have taken place have performed well. The environment for smaller conferences and training events remains tough.

The last two months of the year are important in determining the outcome for the full year. Renewal rates across publishing are expected to remain constant. Forward bookings across our exhibition and larger conference businesses are strong, although sponsors and delegates are generally booking later. As expected, corporates continue to take longer to commit to training programmes and some contract renewals could easily slip into 2010.

The strengthening of sterling against the US dollar will impact profitability but nevertheless we remain confident that having taken quick action to remove volume proactively from our events and training programmes, whilst reducing costs across the whole group, we will end the year in line with our expectations.

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