



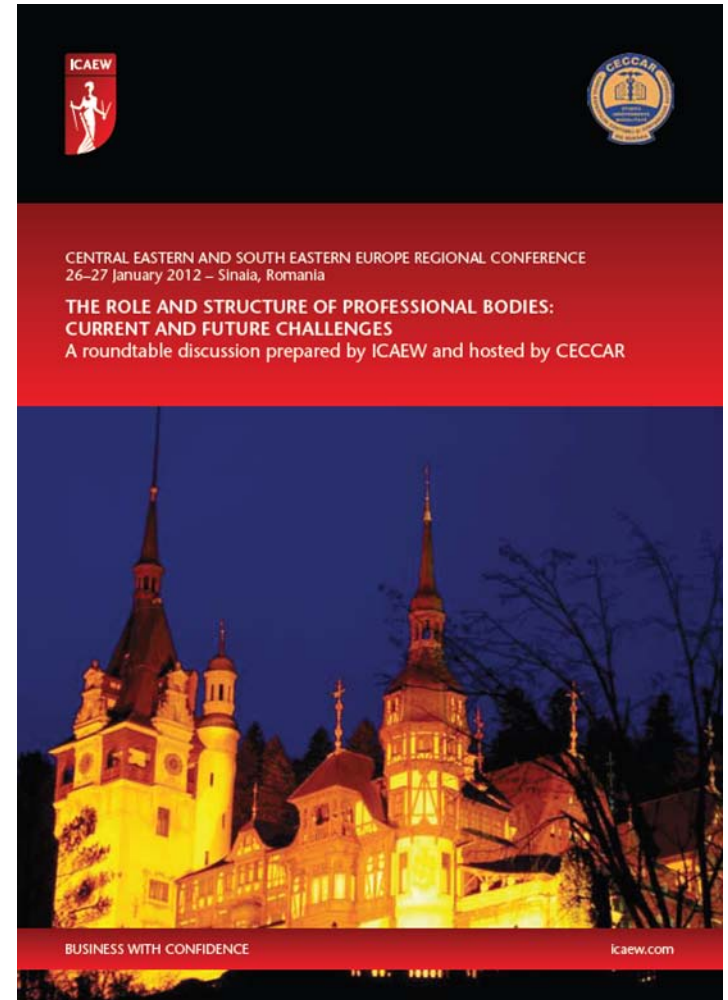
# International Cooperation *Accountancy Profession Strategic Forum: a new initiative for the profession*

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# Overview

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# Origins and development of APSF

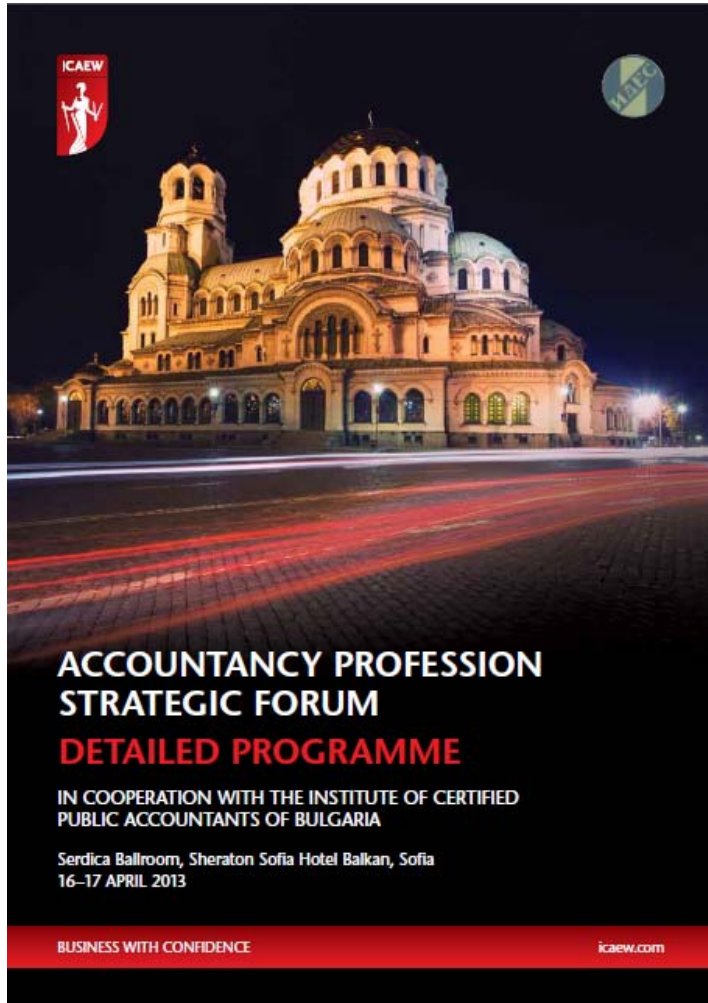




There is potential for professional bodies to cooperate more internationally to mutual benefit in a range of different domains, from sharing regulatory experience, education and training expertise to the development of technical services, as well as in the positioning of professional bodies towards market stakeholders, oversight bodies and governments.

From Key observations and conclusions, Sinaia Roundtable, January 2012

# APSF 2013



We fully support the intention to turn the Accountancy Profession Strategic Forum into a community of professional bodies which are focused on the aim of proactively developing strategies to enhance their role and relevance in national economic life.

Boyko Kostov, President of ICPAB

# APSF 2013: Some initial observations

- Professional bodies should not underestimate what they can achieve
- New services to retain relevance
- More attention to preparers and greater cooperation between bodies
- Strategic planning processes are critical
- Working as partners with oversight bodies and regulators
- External interaction with policy makers and stakeholders
- National markets and international networks

# APSF 2014 and beyond

- Europe and CIS APSF meetings planned
- European APSF likely to focus on:
  - Developing new horizons: new roles and services
  - Innovation in funding models
  - Engagement with business and preparers
  - “Code sharing” and finding synergies
- 2014 World Congress – opportunity to discuss APSF concept



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