16. AIRM - Association of Irish Risk Management

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The Association of Irish Risk Management would like to congratulate the Insurance Institute on their 125th Anniversary. The AIRM was born out of the Association of Burglary Insurance Surveyors in Ireland, since 1958, ABIS Ireland has assisted many businesses in the assessment and management of Cash Handling, Personal and Premises Security.

The AIRM was founded in February 1999 recognising the wider demands of all those involved in every area of Risk Management. Its aim being to assist people working in this area by providing training and a forum for sharing knowledge, the AIRM now has over 300 active members.

The AIRM is run by a membership committee of volunteers. While a number of the founding members still remain on the committee the association has strived on the hard work and dedication of many involved over the year. The Association was established and continues to flourish on membership funding, a large proportion of which is from the insurance sector. With this support the AIRM host 9 half day seminars and a field trip each year as well as publishing the “Risk Manager” quarterly magazine.

Like everyone else risk managers are now facing some of their most challenging times. We are increasingly seeing resources been cut while the exposure to crime, accidents and losses remain unchanged. Effective risk management is needed now more than ever in order for companies to avoid accidents or losses and the increased expenses that will invariably follow.
The AIRM endeavour to assist our members in keeping a-breast of the changing times by providing seminars on topical issues and updates in legislation. We hope to continue to work with the Insurance Institute by assisting in the provision of education in the risk management field.

Present Committee Members: Nigel Tonge, John O'Reilly, Tom English, Lesley Doyle, Peter O'Toole, Geraldine Dempsey, John Hamilton, Ray Green, Michael Brennan, Hugh Sexton, Stephen Heffernan.