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Re: ICGN Announces Partnership with Bryant University, Rhode Island

The International Corporate Governance Network is pleased to announce its partnership with Bryant University, Rhode Island, US. The partnership commences with the approval of its flagship training programme, 'Governance, Stewardship and Sustainability' (GSS).

The signing of the partnership will be celebrated at a complimentary event entitled 'The Future of Corporate Governance, Stewardship and Sustainability', on 28th March 2023 from 09:00-12:30 EDT (14:00-17:30 BST). It will be hosted in-person at Bryant University's campus, as well as via online streaming.

The event will be led by a combination of business leaders, Bryant and ICGN's teaching faculty and ICGN's Policy Unit and has been stimulated by the recent well publicized challenges to the Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) debate.

To register interest in attending the event, whether in person or online, visit <https://www.bryant.edu/bryant-icgn-launch>.

The GSS course has been delivered online since 2020 and has been completed by over 200 investment professionals from across 6 continents and 34 countries. It serves to provide training and guidance in corporate governance, sustainability and investor stewardship via interactive webinars and supporting online resources and texts.

"Bryant University's accreditation of ICGN's GSS program, offered through Bryant's Executive Education and Career Accelerator, is an important strategic partnership that offers students and investment professionals a global and highly sought perspective on corporate governance, sustainability, and stewardship. Educating practitioners and students to be active contributors applying strong technical and discipline-based knowledge with a broad and global perspective is at the core of what we do at Bryant", said Bryant President Ross Gittell, Ph.D. "We look forward to working with ICGN's faculty and policy experts to provide real-world education through technical guidance and training."

Regarding the partnership, ICGN Education and Training Director Andrew Spencer, Chartered FCIPD, said 'For some time now, our membership and clients have asked us to further develop our course provision to include formal accreditation with a reputable partner. Partnering with Bryant University enables us to take our courses to a new level, and we have an exciting plan for the further development of our courses with access to Bryant's expertise.'

ICGN is proud to welcome Bryant University as an Education Partner. Bryant University is formally accredited by AACSB International (AACSB) and The New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

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Note to Editors

About ICGN

Led by investors responsible for assets under management of around \$70 trillion, and bringing together companies and stakeholders, ICGN advances the highest standards of corporate governance and investor stewardship worldwide in pursuit of long-term value creation, contributing to healthy and sustainable economies, societies, and environment.

ICGN's comprehensive international work programme is based around three core objectives as follows:

- Influence: Promoting ICGN Principles as investor-led global standards for governance and stewardship and influencing public policy and professional practice.
- Connect: Delivering high-quality global events and webinars with unrivalled opportunities for networking, knowledge-sharing and collaboration.
- Inform: Enhancing professionalism in governance and stewardship practice through information and education.

About Bryant University

For 160 years, Bryant University has been at the forefront of delivering an exceptional education that anticipates the future and prepares students to be innovative leaders of character in a changing world. The University delivers a uniquely integrated academic and student life experience with nationally recognized academic programs at the intersection of business, liberal arts, and health and behavioural sciences.

Located on a 428-acre contemporary campus in Smithfield, R.I., Bryant enrolls approximately 3,800 undergraduate and graduate students from 38 states and 49 countries. Bryant is recognized as a top 1% national leader in student education outcomes and ROI and regularly receives high rankings from U.S. News and World Report, Money, Bloomberg Businessweek, Wall Street Journal, College Factual and Barron's. www.bryant.edu

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