

## KOFIA to hold ICSA annual meeting next month... Strengthening global partnerships

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An international securities industry representative body composed of 20 institutions from 17 countries



Kim Jin-eok, head of the Foreign Policy Division of the Korea Financial Investment Association, explains the contents of the annual meeting and international conference of the International Council of Securities Associations (ICSA), which will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Seoul from June 18 to 20, in the press room at the Yeouido Gold Investment Center in Seoul on the 25th. /Photo = Reporter Seongjun Choi

The Korea Financial Investment Association announced that it will hold the annual meeting of **the International Council of Securities Associations (ICSA)** and an international conference from June 18 to 20 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Jongno-gu, Seoul.

The ICSA (International Council of Securities Associations) is a representative body of the international securities industry, consisting of 20 organizations from 17 countries, including the US, Japan, and France Securities Associations. It was established in 1988 for the purpose of developing joint policies for the sound development of the international capital market, making policy suggestions for international supervisory organizations, and sharing information among member countries.

The ICSA annual meeting is held sequentially by continent every year, and this is the third time the ICSA has held it, following 1997 and 2008. The Korea Financial Investment Association expects that this annual meeting will serve as an opportunity to strengthen global partnerships among financial investment companies, support overseas expansion, and understand global innovation trends.

On the first and second days of the Annual General Meeting, closed meetings will be held with only ICSA members participating, and an international conference will be held on the third day, June 20, under the theme of 'Future-proofing the Financial Industry'.

At the conference, \(\triangle \text{digital}\) and tech revolution \(\triangle \text{virtual}\) asset market \(\triangle \text{successful}\) venture capital supply system in advanced markets \(\triangle \text{diversification}\) trend of trading platforms (alternative exchange, internal order execution, token securities issuance, etc.) \(\triangle \text{global}\) asset management centered on lifetime income and retirement pension Presentations and discussions on various topics such as market trends are scheduled.

Speakers at the conference included Peter Matheson, Executive Director of SIFMA, a member of ICSA; Urban Funered, President of Swedish Securities Markets Association

(SSMA); Chairman of the Association of Securities Dealers (AMAFI) and Secretary-General of the Association of German Securities Dealers (bwf) Michael Sterzenbach.

In addition, Peter Stewart, Senior Consultant at Mercer, Firas Hadj-Taieb, Global Head of Quant Trading Strategy Nomura, Jonathan Bock, Head of Blackstone BDC, Jonathan Digges, UK Presentations by speakers such as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of Octopus Investment are also scheduled.

Seo Yoo-seok, president of the Korea Financial Investment Association, said, "We expect that the ICSA annual meeting and international conference will serve as a valuable opportunity to widely publicize the status of Korea's capital market, identify global regulatory, product and service trends, and support member companies' overseas expansion."

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