**Agenda Item 6**

**Report of the *International Journal of Government Auditing***

**6th Meeting of the Steering Committee of INTOSAI Committee on Knowledge Sharing and Knowledge Services**

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The *Journal* remains in a sound financial position: It has received another clean audit opinion from its external auditors for the year 2013, and continues to maintain adequate financial reserves. The current budget allocation for the Journal is 25 percent of INTOSAI member assessments. For the past three years the Journal has offered to accept 20 percent and is willing to continue that practice.

*Journal* management is committed both to reviewing a range of operational and financial issues related to the *Journal* and to ensuring that its activities are consistent with INTOSAI’s current strategic plan. GAO, like many public sector institutions, is facing difficult budgetary pressures. There is a commitment, however, to continuing support of the *Journal.* In-kind contributions are continually assessed, and staff commitments to the *Journal* are expected to remain unchanged.

Also, as part of an ongoing effort to be a more effective and far-reaching knowledge-sharing tool, *Journal* staff will soon be enhancing the publication’s website so that content is more readily available online. The improved website will provide articles and news items that will be more frequently updated, and there will also be opportunities for readers to engage in dialogue, offer feedback, and provide information, calendar items, and story ideas.

In order to expand its reach and relevancy to INTOSAI members, the *Journal* is also embarking on a social media campaign. The *Journal* has recently established a presence on Twitter, and will use this channel to provide information to, and engage with, auditors worldwide.

*Journal* staffwill continue to assess how potential printing and postage cost reductions may be offset against the responsibility to enhance the publication’s electronic presence in the INTOSAI community. The *Journal* welcomes suggestions INTOSAI members may have in regard to achieving greater cost savings or improving the *Journal’s* usefulness to member institutions. For its part, the *Journal* will keep exerting a level of budgetary oversight and diligence that will ensure it can continue to operate effectively and efficiently.

The *Journal* recognizes the indispensable role of in-kind contributions made by the SAIs of Austria, Canada, Tunisia, and Venezuela in coordinating the translation of the *Journal*. Their donations of staff time, translations, and administrative support are greatly appreciated, as they enable the publication of the *Journal* in each of INTOSAI’s five official languages.

The *Journal* also recognizes the wide support by member SAIs who generously submit articles, news items, editorials, and other features for publication in print and on the web. These submissions allow the *Journal* to serve as INITOSAI’s principal forum for sharing information and resources among member SAIs, demonstrating INTOSAI’s motto that “Mutual Experience Benefits All.”