

## WHEN 2011 EQUALS 2010 — THE JOURNEY TO THE IFRS WORLD

The changeover to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as of January 1, 2011 for publicly accountable enterprises is definitely happening! So, your organization needs to get ready to prepare annual and interim financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011 in accordance with IFRSs.

How does 2010 equal 2011? It is not new math. January 1, 2010 is the first time data will be collected in accordance with IFRSs for those organizations with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. That is less than eight months away! For 2010, information must be gathered in accordance with both existing Canadian GAAP and IFRSs. Financial reports prepared using IFRSs will be required for the first quarter of 2011 and will include 2010 comparative IFRS information.

Many publicly accountable enterprises are public companies and, therefore, have considered and prepared the first disclosures about their IFRS transition plans in their Management and Discussion Analysis, as called for in the Canadian Securities Administrators' Staff Notice 52-320. Has your organization developed and started implementing its plan to transition to IFRSs? Those plans should include designating a person to monitor the IASB's proposed amendments to standards affecting the organization that could be changing by the end of 2011. For help see "Which IFRSs are Expected to Apply for Canadian Changeover in 2011?" available at: [www.acsbcanda.org](http://www.acsbcanda.org)

Not only should you be thinking about what data needs to be collected to satisfy the recognition and measurement criteria of the applicable IFRSs for your organization, but you should also be thinking of the data needed to meet the disclosure requirements of those IFRSs. To their detriment, some European enterprises left disclosures to the last minute when they converted to IFRSs. Many recommend preparing a mock-up of the required IFRS disclosures prior to 2010.