

## Productivity and the Future of Work

AND

## Accounting for Genuine Progress, Profits and Losses and Natural, Social and Economic Balance Sheets

### Event objectives

- To illustrate the productivity imperative of finding a balance between under and over utilising people
- To illustrate how we can account for progress and keep stock of our natural, social, economic and financial resources.

### Presentation content

A Canadian working-time case study will be used to illustrate the personal, family, society and productivity costs of under employment and the costs of over employment. Attendees will discuss how working-time issues relate to accountants, the economy and society in NZ. This may include whether you have experienced the issues and perhaps what you have tried to do to overcome challenges.

This will be followed by;

- A general introduction to the thinking that underlies GPI and Canadian Index of Wellbeing – that is, that the need for future wellbeing is important to our wellbeing today
- An outline of the limitations of GDP as an indicator and the need for a genuine progress indicator (GPI)
- An illustration of the range of 22 indicators/issues used in the GPI
- An illustration of GPI use of capital method of stocks and flows i.e. accounting for depreciation of natural, social and economic capital
- A discussion segment on how accountants could add value or be involved.

### Presenter – Dr Ron Colman

Dr. Ronald Colman is founder and Executive Director of GPI Atlantic, a non-profit research group that is constructing an index of wellbeing and sustainable development for Nova Scotia as a pilot project for Canada. For more information on the GPI (Genuine Progress Index), visit [www.gpiatlantic.org](http://www.gpiatlantic.org).

Ron previously taught for 20 years at university level and was a researcher and speech-writer at the United Nations. He has researched and written many reports on indicators of population health, community wellbeing, natural resource health, and environmental quality for the Genuine Progress Index, advises governments and communities on indicator work, and regularly speaks on the subject to government, university and community groups.

Aside from his work in Canada, Dr. Colman has visited New Zealand several times and advised the Government on development of quality of life indicators and has lectured on population health indicators in the USA. In cooperation with three Nova Scotia communities, Dr. Colman and GPI Atlantic are also developing measures of wellbeing and sustainable development at the community level.

Dr. Colman sat on the sustainable development indicators steering committee of the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy in Canada, and has a lead role in the development of the Canadian Index of Wellbeing [www.atkinsonfoundation.ca/ciw](http://www.atkinsonfoundation.ca/ciw)

**Date** TUESDAY 9 May 2006

**Registration from 5pm Start time 5:15pm Finish time 7pm**

Refreshments and networking opportunity before the event

**Cost** Subscribers Nil  
Casuals \$35 (incl GST)

**Anyone is welcome to the Group's events; Institute member or not**

**Register by** Friday 5 May 2006

**CPD hours** Up to 1.5 CPD hours

**Venues** – by video link:

**Auckland** – New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants Conference Centre, 27–33 Ohinerau St, Remuera

**Hamilton** – Phone link – venue by arrangement

**Wellington** – Level 2, Cigna House, 40 Mercer St

**Christchurch** – Level 2, Charles Luney House, 250 Oxford Tce

**Dunedin** – Phone link – venue by arrangement

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