

Editorial News

Conference News

It would seem from the avalanche of information received by your editor that the conference business is alive and well. In fact, this autumn one could go from one large city to another taking in the wisdom of those whose business it is to be ahead of the game in several different legal areas.

In a cull through the brochures, the following conferences seem worthy of mention. This is by no means an exhaustive list for August through October, but it covers some of the bigger conferences on offer in areas which are of interest to our readers.

The first is in Oxford, England and is a five day residential seminar "offering a comprehensive, practical and up-to-the minute guide to environmental law and its far reaching implications for global business". The 5 days cover (1) The Regulatory Framework, (2) Practical Constraints and Considerations for New Business Ventures, (3) Practical Constraints and Considerations for Existing Business and (4) Strategic Planning and Environmental Performance. The speakers will include:

Edward Quevedo (Seminar Leader), Holtzmann Wise & Shepard, Palo Alto, California, USA

Ian Bailey, Environmental Assessment Group Ltd, London, England

Philip Blake, Gibb Environmental, Reading, England

Stanley Chaney, Chaney, Connor Lemetais & Associates, Paris, France

Erin Craig, Sun Microsystems, Inc, Palo Alto, California, USA

Mark Day, Environmental Assessment Group Ltd, London, England

David Denley, Environmental Assessment Group Ltd, London, England

Sandrine Dixson-Decleve, Consultant, Environmental Policy Centre Europe, Brussels, Belgium

Thierry Dumortier, Programme Manager, Environmental Policy Centre Europe, Brussels, Belgium

Fiona Gill, Davies Arnold Cooper, London, England

Jim Messelbeck, Allergan, Inc, Irvine, California, USA

Donald Reid, Partner, Morton, Milligan & Fraser, Edinburgh, Scotland;

Chairman, Scottish Branch of UK Environmental Law Association

Stephen Tromans, Solicitor, Partner, Simmons & Simmons, London, England;

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In the second conference which is to be held from 3-7 September, London plays host to lawyers from around the world. The Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) is holding its 39th Annual Congress this autumn which is to be based at London's Grosvenor House Hotel. The theme of the Congress is "Meeting the Challenge" and will explore the way the legal profession should deal with the process of change leading up to the 21st century in major areas of law.

Special sessions will examine:

- New Frontiers in Financial Services including panels on Derivatives, Financial Fraud and White Collar Crime;

- Human Rights and Biotechnology;
- Professional Practice, Entrance to the Profession, Lawyers Competence, Access to Justice and the Globalisation of Legal Practice;
- Legal Issues Affecting the Media Business including Liability on the Internet, Regulation (including cross-ownership) and Competition.

The speakers will include:

Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, Chairman, National Westminster Bank plc

Mary Schapiro, Head of the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)

Colette Bowe, Chief Executive, Personal Investment Authority (PIA)

Gerard Pfauwadel, MATIF SA

Lord Slynn of Hadley, House of Lords, Formerly Advocate General and thereafter UK Judge at the European Court of Justice

Peter Duffy, Barrister, Editor of *European Human Rights Reports*, past International Chairman of Amnesty International

His Excellency Dr M L Singhvi, High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom

Noelle Lenoir, Member of the Constitutional Court of France, President of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO, President of the European Union Advisory Group on Ethical Aspects of Biotechnology

Dr Tom Wilkie PhD, Scientific Editor, *The Independent Newspaper*, Author: *British Science and Politics since 1945, Perilous Knowledge*

Mark Sheldon, past President of The Law Society of England & Wales

Peter Goldsmith, QC Chairman of the Bar of England & Wales

N Lee Cooper, Nominated President-Elect American Bar Association (ABA)

John Preston, Chairman of BMG Records, London, UK

Rt Hon David Mellor, QC, MP

Martin Howe, Director of Competition Policy, Office of Fair Trading (OFT)

Jon Davey, Director of Cable & Satellite, Independent Television Commission (ITC)

There will also be meetings of the 40 specialist Permanent Commissions and Working Groups of the UIA on a number of subjects. In addition to the working sessions there will be an extensive social programme.

Registration forms and further details are available from David Scott, Performance Management, The Thomas Cook Group Ltd, 9 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0BH. Tel: 0171 233 8282 Fax: 0171 233 8207.

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The International Bar Association (IBA) Section on Business Law is holding its 12th Biennial Conference in Paris from 17-22 September. This conference as always covers a plethora of areas and it will be very hard to decide which sessions to attend. For those specialists in *eg* Maritime and Transport Law or Banking Law, the choice is obvious. However, for those with wider interests, they may well be rushing from room to room. For full details, please contact: The Conference Organiser, IBA, 2 Harewood Place, Hanover Square, London, W1R 9HB. Tel: +44 (0)171 629 1206; Fax: +44 (0)171 409 0456.

Finally, the European Study Conferences 14th Annual Anti-Trust Law Conference is being held from 4-6 October in Madrid. It is certainly something of an achievement to have held 13 annual conferences on this topic and the current one offers the usual excellent coverage of matters such as abuse of market power, mergers, practice and procedure, IPR after *Magill*, recent developments and national laws. The chairman and speakers are:

Fernando Pombo, Partner, Gomez-Acebo & Pombo, Madrid

Ivo Van Bael, Partner, Van Bael & Bellis, Brussels

Bill Bishop, Chairman, Lexicon, London

F Enrique Gonzales Diaz, Legal Service, European Commission, Brussels

Frank Fine, European Counsel, Eversheds, Brussels

Adela Lario, Baker & McKenzie, Madrid

Julian Maitland-Walker, Partner, Charles Russell, London

Christopher Parker, Director, Legal Services UK & Ireland, Digital Equipment Co Limited, Reading

Santiago Martínez Lage, Martínez Lage & Asociados, Madrid

Friedrich Schwank, Partner, Law Offices, Dr. F. Schwank, Vienna

Jaime Folguera, Partner, Uriá & Menéndez, Alliance of European Lawyers, Brussels

Michael Reynolds, Partner, Allen & Overy, Brussels

Marcos Araujo, J & A Garrigues, Madrid

Stephen Walzer, Senior Solicitor, BAT Industries plc, London

Christopher Bright, Partner, Linklaters & Paines, London

Guy Leigh, Partner, Theodore Goddard, London

Almudena Arpón de Mendivil, Partner, Gomez-Acebo & Pombo, Madrid

James Wheaton, Clifford Chance, London

Ricardo Garcia Vicente, Partner, Gomez-Acebo & Pombo, Madrid

Johan Coyet, Partner, Mannheimer Swartling Advokatbyrå, Stockholm

Juan Briones, DGIV MTF, European Commission, Brussels

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