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Members Information

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This includes:

- Guidance
- Publications
- Reports
- Member's Handbook
- Model Terms of Engagement

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From the Chairman



We are now well into the summer and holiday season and I hope you have been able to take advantage of the excellent weather which, at last, has arrived in the UK.

As I explain later, there are a lot of events of interest in the pipeline, particular in October and November, and I hope that all members will be able to attend and contribute to them.

The 25th Anniversary lectures and other evening meetings

There has been a short pause for the summer with the 25th Anniversary series of lectures. We are moving seamlessly on with other lectures and the following are dates for your diary. Sir Alan Ward will be presenting an ADR-focussed lecture on 9th October; Colin Edelman QC will be speaking on Expert Evidence in Arbitrations on 30th October and Clive Zietman will talk about Financial Sector Litigation in on 13th November.

I am also delighted that Michael Cohen, our Chairman Emeritus, has agreed to present a lecture based on the history of The Academy over the last 25 years. It was discussed by Council as a most fitting way to close out the 25th Anniversary series and I am sure that it will prove to be a most popular event. We are still discussing the format and date, which will be later this year, but we will inform all of the details as soon as possible.

As part of our continuing regular evening meetings, in mid-June, member Simon Clarke gave a fascinating presentation on his role as an expert in the repair of the Grade 1 listed structure, the Statue of Eros, in Piccadilly. This was a somewhat different subject matter than is the norm, but it was greatly appreciated by those who attended and we will certainly consider similar formats in the future; all volunteers are welcome to present to us your experiences as an expert! In addition, later that month, the Academy held a joint evening meeting with the Northern Ireland Chapter of the Irish Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators on the subject of problems faced by experts.

Coming up, our good friend and Chairman of

the Vetting Committee, Colin Passmore, will also be speaking on the subject of Privilege on 24 September.

Consultations

Since the last update, there have been two major consultations issued by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). The first, which I mentioned in the last update, was entitled "Transforming Legal Aid – delivering a more credible and efficient system" and had an excellent response and provision of views from over 150 members and over 20 members attending a short notice meeting with representatives of the MoJ. I congratulate Nicola Cohen not only in taking the initiative with regards to coordinating and securing the meeting with

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from the archive... Former TAE President, Lord Howe, at the President's Dinner in 2005

From the Chairman continued

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MoJ but also in dealing with this influx of very valuable contributions and thoughts and for drafting a quite excellent paper which we hope will be of benefit to MoJ.

This was followed up with a further consultation entitled "Standards for Expert Witnesses in the Family Courts in England and Wales". Although the proposals currently relate to Family issues, particularly in proceedings relating to children, it is possible in the future that if the standards are adopted they will affect all Experts in Family matters in due course, and maybe even wider. It is quite possible that the Standards will come into force later this year.

Training Courses

The first masterclass on cross examination, in conjunction with the SCL, on 22nd May 2013 was a sell out and it is intended to repeat it again in the future. Courses, provided by ARACS on behalf of The Academy, continue to be arranged to meet demand and are well attended. Please do keep a close eye on the Academy website for details of courses and dates. There are at least twelve different courses on offer between now and the end of the year and three in Hong Kong.

Quote of the Month:

"Expert: a man who makes three correct guesses consecutively."

Laurence J. Peter

Publicity of The Academy

We continue to keep The Academy in the public eye as often as possible, and I would hope that members also 'fly the flag' wherever possible. I am particularly grateful to Nicola and other members of the Exec who continue to attend functions and events on our behalf. We are also hoping to identify more professional organisations with whom we might be able to develop professional links and work together; if you have any particular suggestions, we would welcome them and we will do our best to follow up. Spreading the word about our organisation, membership and services can only be a good thing.....

Giving something back....

The Annual General Meeting is timetabled for 9 October. It is at this meeting that The Academy announces election results for Council and officer positions. The process of nomination and, if necessary, elections is due to start very soon, and I hope that members

will give serious consideration to joining the 'engine room' of The Academy as we are always welcoming of fresh ideas and willing volunteers to maintain the progression of our organisation. Please do speak with the Chief Executive if you are interested.

As a final point, I remind you all of the President's Dinner, which is to take place on 6 November. Invites to high profile guests have been made and it promises to be another excellent evening. I do hope that as many of you as possible will attend, not only in continuing support for The Academy but also because it is an great opportunity to entertain your own guests.

I hope you all enjoy the remainder of the summer, and I hope to see you at the numerous events in the programme later in the year.

Richard Swan
Chairman
August 2013

Member Resources on the website

Members logging on the to website may have noticed a small but significant change. The member resources section has been moved to a new 'Member Area' which appears in the main Navigation Bar to members who have logged in.

By moving the placement of this resource within the website we are now able to provide more member resources in an easy to navigate format. We have a number of improvements for the Member Area planned over the next few months including adding a new 'webinar' section of past evening meetings.

To access the Member Area and your record simply go to the website and click on 'MEMBERS' at the top of the page. If you do not have your username (your membership number) or your password just send the office an email.

TAE ExpertSearch

Are you online yet?

Bronze £60

Silver £90

Gold £150



25th Anniversary Lectures

More Lectures announced

After the success of the lectures given by Mr Justice Akenhead and Sir Peter Cresswell we can now announce further information about the lectures in the series commemorating TAE's 25th Anniversary.

We are delighted to confirm three additional dates which are:

- 9th October - Sir Alan Ward - the 'ADR' Lecture supported by Phillippa Ross & Co
- 30th October - Colin Edelman QC, the 'Insurance' Lecture supported by Kennedys
- 13th November - Clive Zietman, the 'Financial Sector' Lecture supported by GBRW

We are also pleased to announce a 25th Anniversary Lecture in Hong Kong. The Lecture, which will take place on 25th November, will be given by the Secretary of Justice Rimsky Yuen Kwok-keung SC and is supported by EC Harris Contract Solutions, Construction Expert Services Ltd and Pinsent Masons.

Applying to attend

Please do remember when requesting a place at the lectures that places are limited. When allocating places precedence is given to those who have not already attended one of the series so if you have already attended a lecture you should expect to be placed onto a waiting list in the first instance.

It is always helpful to us if you can indicate if you would be able to accept a late place when applying for a place.



Mr Justice Akenhead - speaker at the first of the Lectures



PHILLIPPA ROSS & CO.



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th October 2013 at, 3 Gray's Inn Square, Gray's Inn, London.

Agenda

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Apologies for absence 2 To approve the minutes of the AGM held on 10th October 2012 – published in 'update' Volume 20 Issue No 4 3 Matters arising 4 Chairman's Report 5 Treasurer's Report including adoption of accounts for the year ending February 2013. 6 To appoint the Auditors for the year 2013-2014 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Election of Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chairman <input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chairmen <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer 8 Election of Council Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Four Vacancies 9 To approve 2014-2015 subscription levels 10 Any other Business |
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DIARY, NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAE Council

Nominations are now open for Council. If you are interested in becoming more involved with TAE this is the route to joining the committee - All Full Members, Fellows and QDR's are eligible to stand. Full details are available online:

<http://goo.gl/mKx2K2>

Expert Determination Assessment

More and more Experts are being asked to undertake Expert Determinations and TAE is being asked more frequently about the Register of Expert Determiners.

Assessments for entry to the Register take place three times per year. The process is online (via email) and involves a simulated determination. If you have undertaken ED training but have not yet applied for the Register why not call the office to discuss the process?

New Lord Chief Justice

Sir John Thomas has been named as the new Lord Chief Justice, replacing Lord Judge as head of the judiciary of England and Wales.



Sir John, currently president of the Queen's Bench Division, will take over the role in September. He was recently involved in many high-profile cases including those of Abu Hamza and Julian Assange.

Sir John pledged that the judiciary would help ensure that justice was delivered "fairly and efficiently".

European Online Dispute Resolution Directive

A European Union (EU) Directive on ADR for consumer disputes and an EU Regulation on online dispute resolution (ODR) for consumer disputes were adopted by all EU Member States on 22 April 2013.

The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills advised that both the Directive on Alternative Dispute Resolution and the Regulation on Online Dispute Resolution have now been published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

The texts came into force on 8 July and the UK Government now has two years to implement the ADR Directive (July 2015), with the ODR platform becoming operational six months later (January 2016).

ADR Directive: <http://goo.gl/UA98RZ>

ODR Regulation: <http://goo.gl/D1SzL0>

TAE Events Calendar

Do you check the online Events Calendar?

Details of all TAE events, training dates and external events that TAE supports are published online with full booking information:

www.academyofexperts.org/events

President's Dinner Butchers' Hall

Wednesday 6th November 2013

The Academy's most formal function of the year - The President's Dinner - is in November.

We will be returning, for the third year, to Butchers' Hall.

The early-bird rate of £89.50+vat is valid until 16th September and places are already selling fast so book early to secure your place.



September

Monday	9	Gray's Inn Hall reopens for Luncheon
Wednesday	11	Executive Committee
Monday - Tuesday	16 - 17	Foundation Course
Wednesday - Thursday	18 - 19	Mediation Training - Module 1 (2 Days)
Friday	20	Mediation Training - Module 2
Tuesday	24	Evening Meeting - Privilege
Wednesday	25	Into Court
Monday	30	Mediation Training - Module 3

October

Tuesday	1	Mediation Training - Module 4
Wednesday	2	Mediation Training - Module 5
Monday	7	Practical Law for Experts
Tuesday	8	Procedure Rules
Wednesday	9	Annual General Meeting
Wednesday	9	Anniversary Lecture
Monday - Tuesday	14 - 15	Mediation Training - Assessment
Wednesday	30	Anniversary Lecture

November

Wednesday	6	TAE Council
Wednesday	6	President's Dinner
Wednesday	13	Anniversary Lecture
Friday	29	ED Assessment Application Deadline

Unless otherwise shown all courses/meetings will be held in London
TAE dates are published in the **Events Calendar** - www.academyofexperts.org

Key to events:

- Academy Courses
- Academy Events & Meetings
- External/Joint/Supported Events