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Members Information

All of The Academy's information is available for Members from the Member Resources page of the website.

This includes:


- Guidance
- Publications
- Reports
- Model Terms of Engagement

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From the Chairman



Thank You

Firstly may I say a big thank you to Dr Chris McArdle, our outgoing Chairman. As his Deputy Chairman for the past two years it has been a pleasure to support him in his post as Chairman.

When I first became involved with The Academy of Experts in 1999 I didn't think for one minute that I would have the privilege of becoming the Deputy Chairman, let alone Chairman.

From the start of my involvement with The Academy I could see the many benefits for not only members but also those that are involved in the world of Expert Witness work and of course the various types of dispute resolution.

TAE over the years

Consistently over the years I have seen The Academy face up to and rise above many challenges. It has worked tirelessly to ensure that both TAE members and the many other individuals and organisations that are associated with the work that The Academy (and its members) does are kept abreast of current issues. It has been at the forefront of many of the changes to the legal profession

which we have faced in recent times.

I am proud to be associated with The Academy of Experts. I hope that during my period as Chairman I can continue to both support the good work that we do and also encourage and support members to work together to continue to maintain The Academy's high standards. We have to ensure that we continue to move in a positive direction by recruiting new members and maintaining a positive and guiding presence in the world of both Expert Witness work and dispute resolution in its many forms.

Thank you again!

I would also like to thank Nicola and her team who work tirelessly to ensure that we are kept up to date on the many issues that are dealt with by The Academy. They always ensure that our members are offered the opportunity to contribute to relevant issues that need addressing by way of feedback to the powers that be. I would urge members not to miss the opportunity to respond when asked by The Academy - we have a voice and we should use it.

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Five Chairmen Past and Present attended this year's Lunch
Stephen Magnus-Hannaford - Sue Bayram - Dr Chris McArdle - Michael Cohen - Dr Nigel Young

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Help us to help you

If you are aware of any professional issues or changes that would be beneficial to either other experts in your field, or the Academy and it's members in general, please do forward them to Nicola so that she can make sure the information is circulated as appropriate.

Last but not least I would like to thank Michael Cohen who has been a great support to me over the seventeen years that I have been a member. With Michael you can learn as much from his rhetorical questioning as you can from his sound advice...

**Sue Bayram
Chairman
March 2016**

President's Dinner

Pewterers' Hall - Wednesday 8th June

This year we will be celebrating the President's Dinner in Pewterers' Hall.

Returning to the traditional summer slot means that, weather permitting, we will be starting with an outside reception in the Gardens at 7.30pm before moving to the stunning Livery Hall for dinner.

Following the end of the formal part of the evening Members and their guests are invited to mingle with Lord Saville and The Academy's Guests for a post-dinner 'nightcap'.

If you would like to be a part of the evening call Dominic or David to book a place.



Tickets for this unique evening are just £100+vat - call us now on:

020 7430 0333

TAE Commercial Mediation Training & Accreditation

Do you want to Mediate?

Experts and Professionals are ideally placed to aid the Dispute Resolution process as Commercial Mediators.

As a skills development course the Academy's Mediation Training is an excellent way of enhancing your general knowledge and understanding of human interactions and negotiation at the same time as gaining an additional, practical and marketable skill.

The Academy's Mediation Training Course consists of two parts - the qualifying course (Modules 1 - 5), and the assessment. For those already qualified The Academy offers advanced training courses.

As with all TAE courses the course is not aimed at any one profession. Unlike many other training organisations, the Academy's Register is completely multi-disciplinary with no one group dominating the list.

Lawyers?

As a non-legal process there is no requirement to be a lawyer (although a basic understanding of the law is useful and is covered in the course) and the majority of Academy trained Mediators are Experts and other professionals (including lawyers).

Course Accreditation

The Academy is a member of the Civil Mediation Council and sits on the Board.

TAE is also an accredited CMC Mediation provider - this course fully satisfies all of the CMC's requirements for Commercial Mediation training courses and is recognised by CMC as a qualifying course for CMC registration.

Next Course

Module 1	25-26 April
Module 2	27 April
Module 3	9 May
Module 4	10 May
Module 5	11 May
Assessment	24-25 May

Civil Mediation Council - Annual Conference & Dinner



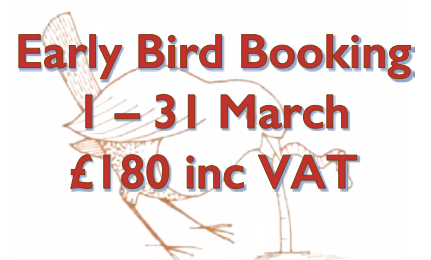
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The CIVIL MEDIATION COUNCIL
10th NATIONAL CONFERENCE

11th May 2016
Congress Centre, London
civilmediation.org/about-mediation/40/cmc-2016-annual-conference

Early Bird Booking
1 - 31 March
£180 inc VAT



New Training Courses for Experienced Experts

TAE is launching a new series of **Advanced Training Courses** aimed at experienced Expert Witnesses.

The first two of these are shown below and will be followed by an advanced day focusing on giving evidence in the box and undergoing cross-examination.

ADVANCED COURSES

Attendees of these courses must have a minimum of two years Expert Witness experience as well as prior experience of dedicated Expert Witness training or equivalent.

Thursday 21st April - Special Introductory Price - £250+vat

Keeping up to date with current practices is essential but often time consuming work. This course is designed to help you stay current and maintain compliance with changes to Procedure Rules and other Best Practice for Expert Witnesses. Areas covered can include:

- Updates to Procedure Rules
- Civil Justice Council Guidelines
- Codes of Practice and Conduct
- Additional Professional Requirements

The day is designed to be very interactive with a special 'Problem Solving' session in the afternoon giving you the opportunity to take advantage of our experience and expertise.

Expert Witness Essential Update

Tuesday 17th May - £295+vat - Numbers Limited

Rules change and requirements and compliance for Expert Reports become more onerous year by year. Dedicated to examining the Expert Witness Report in depth this course is a practical hands on day in a safe environment with a strictly limited number of participants.

It is an opportunity for sharing best and bad practice in Expert Report writing and making certain your Report does not let you (and the client - and the court) down.

This advanced course is designed for Experts with significant experience of writing expert witness reports (whether Civil, Criminal or Family).

This is a practically based course focused on fine tuning and enhancing your existing skills and techniques and is only open to experienced experts.

Emphasis will be placed on identifying and correcting common errors and bad habits that can build up over time. You will learn how to keep your report relevant and helpful to the court whilst providing a sound platform for your evidence and cross-examination.

Report Writing Masterclass

DIARY, NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tax Returns

Members in the UK are able to offset subscriptions against tax.

The Academy of Experts has been approved as a Learned Society by the Board of Inland Revenue under Section 201 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (subsequently Section 344 of the Income Tax (Earnings & Pensions) Act 2003), with effect from 6th April, 1992 and is published by them known as "List 3".

How to claim

In order to claim tax relief, you will need to use your invoice for your membership payment, which you can then submit to the tax office with your tax return form. Please quote The Academy of Experts (formerly 'British Academy of Experts') along with our tax reference number SAPP/T/1644/43/1922.

If you don't complete a tax return, you can make a claim by writing or phoning your local tax office (your employer will be able to give you the address and reference).

EuroExpert updates Remuneration Study

EuroExpert has updated its previous study comparing the similarities and differences between the systems of the remuneration of Experts. The current study was responded to by the following countries: Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain and the United Kingdom.

www.euroexpert.org/fileadmin/euroexpert/documents/downloads/EuroExpert_Remuneration_Study_2016.pdf

Events

**Worshipful Company of Arbitrators Masters Lecture
Family Law Arbitration: A Better Route to Justice
6th April 2016, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, London SE1 2AQ**

Speaker: Sir Hugh Bennett

Time: 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm - followed by a drinks and canapé reception at 7.00 pm.

Contact: assistant@arbitratorscompany.org

**Civil Mediation Council Annual Dinner & Conference
10-11th May 2016, Congress Centre, London**

The CMC conference offers an opportunity to debate the many issues which arise from the practice of mediation, from the point of view of those who seek to use the services of mediators, the expectations of government, and the concerns of mediators themselves.

www.civilmediation.org

Lighthouse Club International Construction Conference

**Caring Construction, Collaborative Contracting, CPD
26th and 27th May 2016, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre**

TAE is proud to support the Club which this year is celebrating 30 years in Asia since the Hong Kong Branch was formed in 1986.

This year also marks 60 years since the Lighthouse Club was formed in the UK in 1956. To celebrate its 30th Anniversary in Asia it has arranged a series of events in Hong Kong between 26th and 28th May.

Renewals

The Academy's membership year runs from the beginning of March to the end of February and so it is renewal time.

We are grateful that most members do pay promptly. The amount of resources which chasing later payers consumes is remarkable.

Retired Membership

If you are considering retiring there is a special 'Retired' grade of membership available to enable you to keep in touch with The Academy and the world of the Expert Witness. The cost of Retired Membership is less than 50% of the normal subscription. Full details online or from the office.

March		
Thursday	17	↗ Into Court
Thursday	24	Gray's Inn Hall closes for Easter
Friday	25	Good Friday
Monday	28	Easter Monday
Thursday	31	↗ Expert Determination Assessment Deadline
April		
Monday	4	Gray's Inn Hall reopens
Wednesday	6	↗ Worshipful Co of Arbitrators Lecture
Wednesday	13	↗ Evening Meeting
Thursday - Friday	14-15	↗ Foundation Course
Thursday	21	↗ Essential Update ^{NEW}
May		
Monday	2	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	10	↗ CMC Annual Dinner
Wednesday	11	↗ CMC Conference
Tuesday	17	↗ Report Writing Masterclass
Friday	27	Gray's Inn Hall Closes
Monday	30	Spring Bank Holiday
June		
Monday	6	Gray's Inn Hall Reopens
Wednesday	8	↗ Council
Wednesday	8	↗ President's Dinner
Friday	10	↗ Into Court
Tuesday - Wednesday	14-15	↗ Foundation Course

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

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