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This includes:

- Guidance
- Publications
- Reports
- Model Terms of Engagement

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# 'update'

## From the Chairman



### Business as usual

It would appear that now we are well into the holiday period the heatwave has ended and we are back to our more commonly expected summer weather with a good dousing of rain, i.e. business as normal.

Fortunately, the sunshine held for the Gray's Inn Treasurer's Reception. This event was well attended by The Academy and was a very enjoyable evening. Many thanks to those who represented The Academy with a special mention to our Australian member who must have travelled furthest to get there.

### GDPR

One exception to business as normal though is the introduction of GDPR. I suspect many feel they have already had enough of GDPR and we are only just getting started! Unfortunately, the time required to understand what is required and then to put in place the necessary compliance is simply more non-productive time putting ever more pressure on everyone. However, non-compliance is not an option.

The problem is that whether sole practitioners or part of a larger organisation, everyone who deals with other people, not just clients, on a regular basis is suddenly required to get to grips with a whole new regime of data protection. Although notice was given prior to its introduction, GDPR has created what is essentially a whole

new language and concepts that are quite foreign to what was previously 'normal understanding'. For many this is a major task all in the name protecting 'data'.

Whilst it is unlikely to cause serious problems for organisations who deal with their data in a responsible way it is now important to be seen to be dealing with it in accordance with the new regulation.



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The Academy has decided to tackle this need for compliance head-on and top marks to Michael Cohen and the Team at Gray's Inn for jumping straight in and getting with these issues.

### Judicial Criticism

What should also be an exception to 'Business as usual' is the mounting criticism of experts by the Judiciary.

Academy members have not generally been the target of such criticism but the situation is still a cause for concern and a warning

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Gray's Inn Prepares to Receive Guests at the Treasurer's Reception in July

## From the Chairman continued

for everyone to be meticulous when preparing reports. Interestingly, many of us receive reports from other experts that fall short of the mark on content, typically sections such as the Expert Declaration or Statement of Truth are missing, and yet there is no mention of this throughout the proceedings.

This is no excuse - Members are advised to pay particular attention to the requirements of the Procedure Rules and Guidance. One point which should be quite simple is to ensure that the CV is correct and accurate.

### TAE Seals - Marketing

Many members will remember the red seals, in the form of round stickers, that were issued to them on joining. The Academy has now progressed and updated these seals a personalised version of which is now available in an electronic format.

Please contact the team at Gray's Inn to receive your individual seal. All members

*“members with enthusiasm and initiative who are committed to helping develop and promote The Academy”*

are encouraged to use these seals which act both as an individual mark of approval and also useful marketing for The Academy.

Remember that to be eligible to use the seals you must be a Full Member or Fellow - for those Associates who have been Academy Members for a number of years this may well be an incentive to apply for upgrade.

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for The Academy is approaching and is taking place on 10th October, 2018.

This is the time when The Academy elects its Officers and Council Members for the forthcoming year.

As mentioned previously The Academy needs some new volunteers for places on Council. We are looking for well-motivated individuals who will be able to spare some time to get involved with the running of The Academy.

Although getting involved in the running of The Academy is a prestigious role in its own right, we really need members with enthusiasm and initiative who are committed to helping develop and promote The Academy.

Details of the roles and the election process are given on the Member Area of The Academy web site. If there are any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Team at Gray's Inn.

**Eur Ing Simon Clarke MAE  
Chairman  
August 2018**

## Make your mark - National Mediation Awards

The Civil Mediation Council has announced a prestigious new awards ceremony for the Mediation World.

The Civil Mediation Council (CMC) and the College of Mediators (CoM) are collaborating together to present this high profile and prestigious all-mediation event.

- ❑ Nominations are now open for National Mediation Awards 2018.
- ❑ It's time to celebrate excellence in mediation.
- ❑ National Mediation Awards will be held on Tuesday 9th October 2018.

As membership organisations for mediators from all sectors, the CMC and CoM are both committed to setting and maintaining professional standards for mediators, increasing awareness of mediation and promoting it as the first port of call for dispute resolution, and extending its use more widely.

[www.nationalmediationawards.com](http://www.nationalmediationawards.com)

### Mediation Awareness Week

The National Mediation Awards have been timed to coincide with Mediation Awareness Week which takes place from 6th to 12th October, 2018.

[www.mediationawarenessweek.uk](http://www.mediationawarenessweek.uk)

### 2018 AWARDS CATEGORIES:

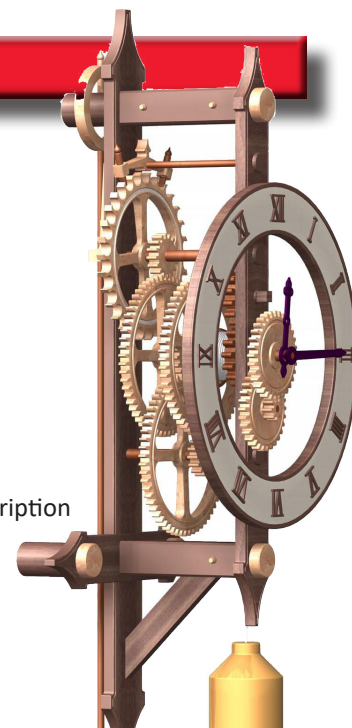
- **Mediator of the Year**  
*Civil/Commercial, Workplace, FMC, Family, Community, Restorative Justice, International*
- **Mediation Service/Practice**
- **Mediation Trainer Provider**
- **Mediation Programme/Initiative**  
*Civil/Commercial, Workplace, Family, Community, Restorative Justice, International*
- **Mediation Video**
- **Mediation Article**
- **Mediation's Unsung Hero Award**
- **Mediation Champion**
- **Peer Mediation - School**  
*Young Mediators (7 - 11 Years Old), Young Mediators (11 - 18 Years Old)*

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held on 10th October 2018, 3 Gray's Inn Square, London, WC1R 5AH.

### Agenda

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 To approve the minutes of the AGM held on 11th October 2017 (see 'update' Volume 25 Issue 4)
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Treasurer's Report including adoption of accounts for the year ending February 2018
- 6 To appoint the Auditors for the year 2018-2019
- 7 Election of Officers
  - Chairman
  - Deputy Chairman
  - Vice Chairmen
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
- 8 Election of Council Members
- 9 To approve 2019-2020 subscription levels
- 10 Any other business



## Keep your online entry up to date

Members on the TAE online register will have received their renewal notifications in the last few weeks.

The Register is a valuable resource for members and users of Experts. More and more instructing lawyers are using the register to check that potential experts are properly accredited.

If you are on the register you should ensure your details are up to date. If you are not on the register perhaps you should be considering it.

In particular if your qualifications have changed, be it an additional professional membership or removal you should ensure we are updated. One member found out recently that not doing so can have disastrous results. Having been appointed to a high profile enquiry, it was subsequently discovered that not only was his TAE entry incorrect but his personal website showed him with qualifications he was not entitled to resulting in considerable professional embarrassment.

To update your entry simply log in to the website and click on one of the following tabs to update your information.

### Tab 1 - Edit my Details

**Website Login Information** allows you to change your password and update the email address registered to the website account (not necessarily the same email address as TAE holds for you)

### Register Images and CV upload

- Company Logo
- Additional Images
- Personal Photo/Profile Image
- Full CV for download

### Tab 2 - Edit my Profile

#### General

- Company
- Job Position

#### Contact

- Telephone
- Address
- Mobile
- Home Address
- Fax
- Work Address
- Website
- Accounts/Billing Address
- Email
- DX

#### Experience & Career Snapshot

- Keywords:** Technical words and phrases that users might use to find you that are not in your career snapshot.
- Expert Witness Snapshot:** a short career snapshot describing yourself

To maintain compliance with your TAE Member record and your accreditation there is some information which may not be edited. These are

- Name
- Expert Witness Fields of Experience
- Principal Occupation
- Qualifications

Should you wish to amend any of these please email TAE with your request giving reasons and including any appropriate documentation (eg certificates).

# DIARY, NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Nominations for Council

This year there are four vacancies for members of TAE's Council.

Council is the governing body responsible for the management and governance of TAE and is open to Associate (AMAE), Full Members, Fellows and QDR's to join.

- ❑ Each member of Council serves a three year term with a maximum of two consecutive terms allowed.
- ❑ Council meets twice per year in June and November.
- ❑ As a multi-disciplinary body TAE's constitution ensures that no single profession is able to dominate.
- ❑ If nominations for more than the allowed vacancies are received then a postal ballot of members is undertaken.

If you would be interested in getting more involved please contact the TAE office for more information or see the member area of the website for Nomination Forms.

## TAE Website

The TAE website has been in its current format for more than five years and as times and technology move on it is time for a rebuild and redesign.

The Exec has formed a working party to manage the process and is looking for additional expertise to add to the group.

If you have either technical or practical experience of website design/implementation and would like to help please contact the office.

## TAE Seals

Academy seals are very popular with Members and until now have been available only as sticky labels to attach to your report. Personalised seals are now available in electronic format for all Full Members and Fellows.

The new seals are ideal for adding to reports, showing in email signatures and printing on headed paper and are an excellent way of advertising your TAE accreditation.

Please email us with your request if you would like to receive your personalised accreditation seal.



# Diary Dates

<b>August</b>		
Thursday	16	Nominations for Council Announced
Monday	27	Bank Holiday
Thursday	30	Close of Nominations for Council
<b>September</b>		
Tuesday	11	Gray's Inn Hall Reopens
Wednesday	12	➤ Evening Meeting
Wednesday-Thursday	12-13	➤ Foundation Course - 2 Days
Monday	17	➤ Into Court
Tuesday	25	➤ Law & Procedure for Experts
<b>October</b>		
Wednesday-Thursday	3-4	➤ Expert Determination Training
Wednesday	10	➤ Annual General Meeting
Wednesday	10	➤ Evening Meeting
Monday	15	➤ Report Writing Masterclass
Tuesday	16	➤ Essential Update for Experts
<b>November</b>		
Monday-Tuesday	5-6	➤ Foundation Course
Wednesday	7	➤ Council Meeting
Thursday	8	➤ ICAEW Forensic Conference
Wednesday	14	➤ Role & Responsibilities - Hong Kong
Thursday	15	➤ The Expert's Report - Hong Kong
Wednesday	21	➤ Going into Court - Hong Kong

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

**Key to events:**  
 ➤ Academy Courses  
 ➤ Academy Events & Meetings  
 ➤ External/Joint/Supported Events



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