

The Law Society's European Group



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Le Châtelain, Brussels

Thursday 26 and Friday 27 June 2008

PROGRAMME & BOOKING FORM

9.5 Hours CPD



About the Event

This year's annual conference of The Law Society's European Group will be held in Brussels, at Hôtel le Châtelain.

This past year has seen a significant number of EU and competition developments, both in terms of cases and evolution of policy. The conference programme captures many of the most important current issues, including private actions and damages, settlement of cartel cases, implementation of Article 82 (with a focus on rebates) and key sectoral developments in energy. There will also be invaluable updates from our President, Professor Richard Whish and Francisco-Enrique González Díaz from Cleary Gottlieb on recent cartel and merger cases. Carole Begent at the Competition Commission will provide an overview on market inquires, with particular regard to the current CC groceries investigation. In addition we have included a very practical element to the conference with input from Philip Bastos Martin, Director and Assistant General Counsel at Euroclear, on the implementation of competition compliance; and from Diana Jackson at CRA International on economic techniques typically used in merger analysis.

As ever we have an excellent panel of speakers from the European Commission, the Office of Fair Trading and the Competition Commission, partners in law firms from both sides of the Channel, economists, barristers and in-house lawyers steeped in experience of EU and competition issues. We are delighted that our guest speaker at the dinner on Thursday evening will be Judge Nicholas Forwood QC from the Court of First Instance and that our keynote speech on the Friday morning will be delivered by Ms Nadia Calviño, Deputy Director General, Mergers and Antitrust, at the European Commission.

We pride ourselves that this conference is a particularly valuable opportunity for lawyers, regulators and economists to debate current issues in a very sociable environment.

As in previous years, we believe the annual conference provides excellent value for money. The conference fee includes a place at the conference dinner which will take place on the Thursday evening at the well-liked Kasteel Van Ruisbroek, just outside Brussels (transfers from the hotel provided) and, optionally, one night's accommodation at Hôtel le Châtelain.

Non-members as well as LSEG members are all encouraged to participate, though of course we hope that any non-members booking a place at the conference will also find it worthwhile to join the LSEG.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Brussels.

Paula Riedel, LSEG Conference Chair

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday 26 June

- 12.30pm - 2.00pm **REGISTRATION & LUNCH**
- 2.00pm - 2.15pm **WELCOME BY CONFERENCE CHAIR**
Paula Riedel, Partner, Linklaters LLP
- 2.15pm - 3.05pm **CARTELS: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**
Professor Richard Whish, King's College, London
- 3.05pm - 3.40pm **COMPLIANCE WITH COMPETITION LAW: THE IN-HOUSE PERSPECTIVE**
Philip Bastos Martin, Director, Assistant General Counsel, Euroclear SA/NV
- 3.40pm - 4.00pm **COFFEE**
- 4.00pm - 5.20pm **FOCUS ON ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES**
Commission's White Paper on Antitrust Damages Actions
Eddy de Smijter, Administrator, ECN, European Commission
Private Actions: Recent UK Experiences
Mark Hoskins, Brick Court Chambers
- 7.00pm **COACH DEPARTS for the Evening Dinner at Kasteel van Ruisbroek**
Speaker: The Honourable Judge Nicholas Forwood QC



Friday 27 June

- 9.00am - 9.05am **INTRODUCTION BY CONFERENCE CHAIR**
Paula Riedel, Linklaters LLP
- 9.05am - 9.40am **KEYNOTE SPEAKER NADIA CALVIÑO**
Deputy Director General, Mergers and Antitrust, DG Competition, European Commission
- 9.40am - 10.50am **FOCUS ON MERGERS**
Mergers - Recent Developments
F. Enrique González Díaz, Partner, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
Economic Techniques in Merger Control
Diana Jackson, Vice President, CRA International
- 10.50am - 11.10am **COFFEE**
- 11.10am - 11.45am **SETTLEMENTS**
Wouter Wils, European Commission Legal Service and Visiting Professor, King's College London
- 11.45am - 12.20pm **EARLY RESOLUTIONS: OFT EXPERIENCE**
Sonya Branch, Senior Director Goods, Office of Fair Trading
- 12.20pm - 1.45pm **LUNCH**
- 1.45pm - 2.55pm **THE THIRD ENERGY PACKAGE State of Play**
Jan Gerrit Westerhof, Administrator, DG TREN, European Commission
The Third Package: An Industry Perspective
Stuart Davis, Principal Counsel, Competition & Regulation, BG Group Plc
- 2.55pm - 3.30pm **THE UK GROCERIES MARKET INVESTIGATION AND THE FUTURE USE OF MARKET INQUIRIES**
Carole Begent, Deputy Chief Legal Adviser, Competition Commission
- 3.30pm - 3.50pm **COFFEE**
- 3.50pm - 5.20pm **ARTICLE 82: FOCUS ON REBATES**
Different Forms of Rebates
Justin Coombs, Director, LECG
Current Status of the Law
Bill Allan, Partner, Linklaters LLP
The Future of Rebates between Public and Private Enforcement
Dr Renato Nazzini, Reader, University of Southampton

Conference End

Travelling by EUROSTAR to Brussels

By Eurostar from London Waterloo to Brussels will take 2hrs 40 mins with a choice of 10 trains a day. For up-to-date information about fares and timetables, please contact Eurostar direct, details as below:-

Eurostar timetables and information: www.eurostar.com

For bookings made over the telephone or to make a booking over the telephone.

Call 08705 186 186 or +44 (0)1233 617 575 from 8am to 9pm

Please note that a £5 booking fee applies to all telephone bookings.

Conference Venue

Le Châtelain, Rue du Châtelain 17, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

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Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner will be held at Kasteel Van Ruisbroeck which is approximately 25 minutes from the Le Châtelain. Coach transport will be arranged for delegates to attend the Dinner at this stunning, historic venue. A ticket is included in the conference registration fees but additional tickets can also be purchased for clients, colleagues and guests not attending the Conference.

Joining Instructions

These will be sent approximately two weeks before the Conference.

Continuing Professional Development

Continuing Professional Development 9 hours, CPD are available (KF/SEGL). Please apply at the Conference registration desk before sessions commence on Thursday and Friday.

Conference Registration

The Conference fees are £645 + VAT for members; £750 + VAT for non-members; £375 + VAT for trainees or unemployed delegates. They include attendance at all business sessions, documentation, lunch and dinner and one night's single occupancy accommodation on Thursday at the Le Châtelain and refreshments (including lunch) on Friday.

Enquiries

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The Organisers reserve the right to alter the content of the programme or substitute other speakers.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS and photocopy this form if you are applying for more than one place.

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other _____ Forename _____

Surname _____ Company _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Tel _____

Fax _____ Email _____

LSEG Membership

A subscription to The Law Society's European Group (LSEG) will provide you with immediate access to an annual programme of talks on EU law; a free subscription to the journal 'Lawyers Europe'; plus notification of a number of other social and educational events, all of which carry CPD credit.

If you are not already a member but would like to join now and thus benefit from the reduced conference fees, please indicate below, under Conference Fees. Please note that travel is not included in the registration fees.

Fully-Inclusive Conference Fees Conference sessions, documentation, all refreshments, conference dinner, bed and breakfast

LSEG Members: £645 + VAT (£757.88)

Non-Members: £750 + VAT (£881.25)

Trainee / unemployed: £375 + VAT (£440.63)

LSEG Annual Membership: £35 (membership is VAT exempt)

Conference Attendance Fees (Minus Accommodation) Conference sessions, documentation, all refreshments and conference dinner

LSEG Members: £565 + VAT (£663.88)

Non-Members: £670 + VAT (£787.25)

Trainee / unemployed: £295 + VAT (£346.63)

LSEG Annual Membership: £35 (membership is VAT exempt)

You may also purchase additional tickets for the Dinner for your colleagues and clients:

Quantity _____ tickets at £70 + VAT (£82.25)

Payment

One cheque should be sent for all delegates included on the same registration form. Payment is required in advance of the Conference, and should be paid in pounds sterling. We regret that payment cannot be made by credit card.

I enclose a sterling cheque payable to The Law Society's European Group for the following fees:

Total Fees: £ _____

LSEG VAT registration number is 241 3928 71

Signed _____ Date _____

Cancellation

Please note that refunds for places cannot be made, but substitutes are welcome.

Completed forms together with payment should be returned to:

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