

**FACT SHEET**  
**EAST WEST LEGAL CONFERENCE**  
**BERLIN, GERMANY**  
**9 – 16 APRIL 2012 (Post Easter Week)**

*(Note that pre-Easter our EUROPE OCEANIA LEGAL CONFERENCE runs from 31 March to 7 April 2012 in Val Thorens, France )*

This will be 6th East West Legal conferences, previously held in St Petersburg, Russia, Istanbul, Turkey & Shanghai/Beijing, China.

As one of the economic and cultural engines of Europe, Germany has a lot to teach us about the law and commerce. Re-emerging from the aftermath of WWII and the Cold War, Berlin has since firmly established itself as one of Europe's brightest centers of culture. Berlin is home to renowned composers, universities, research institutes, orchestras and museums. Some of Germany's most famous composers have taught at the Academy of Arts in Berlin.

In Berlin we offer a guided walking tour, an underground tour (being the secret passages of the third Reich & Stasi), a performance at the Berlin Philharmonia. Generally in Berlin we take in the cultural events of the city (music, opera etc) plus offering guided tours of the museums and of Berlin's historical places. Potsdamer Platz as well as being a hub for theatre and music is also one of the places where slabs of Berlin Wall are still intact. The conference is centred round the Brandenburg Gates near where President Kennedy made his "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech and President Reagan howled 'Mr Gorbachev tear down this wall'.

We will also undertake a one day tour of a nearby concentration camp to pay homage to the Jews killed during the war.

**The academic and professional program** will have links with Humboldt University and will include speakers from the local legal profession. The program has always been the centrepiece of our conferences, but an equally important part is the networking activities we organise outside of the formal program. Over the years, many delegates have formed links with other practitioners arising out of meeting for the first time at the conferences. The informal networks established have led to a mutual referring of clients, and through being aware of other practitioners' specialties; practitioners have gained access to professional resources which previously would have been either inaccessible or unknown. In some cases past disputes have been settled at a conference. Delegates have also reported that the informal interaction with other delegates has led to a sharing of ideas, exchange of methodologies and an enhancement of professional camaraderie among fellow practitioners. Many delegates are now coming to these conferences as individuals because of the camaraderie and networking events associated with the conferences.

## THE LOCATION

The fall of the Berlin Wall paved the way for German reunification, which was formally concluded on 3 October 1990. 20 years after its post-Wall rebirth, Berlin is a scene-stealing combo of glamour and grit, teeming with top museums and galleries, grand opera and guerrilla clubs, gourmet temples and ethnic snack shacks. When it comes to fashion, art, design and music, the German capital is the city to be.

## ACCOMMODATION

The conference hotel is the wonderful Adlon Kempinski Hotel located within 200 metres of the Brandenburg Gates, hardly a better location in Berlin. The hotel has an amazing history initially constructed in the early 1900's but then destroyed at the end of World War Two. After the collapse of the Berlin Wall it was faithfully re-built to original standards, specifications and design. Cost is \$AUD395 per night including breakfast, for a deluxe room. As a luxury 5 star hotel, we assess the Adlon as the best value in Berlin. (Rate subject, of course to exchange rate variations and changes in VAT.)

## **REGISTRATION**

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Registration cost is \$AUD1100 for single registration or for multiple registrations, \$AUD850. Accompanying persons not needing formal registration are free and are welcome to attend all functions and sessions. Please note that rooms will be allocated strictly in accordance with the receipt of the registration fee. If for any reason you wish to cancel your registration (even at the last minute), we will refund your registration fee less an \$AUD100 administration charge. Accommodation once paid can only be refunded at the hotel's discretion.

## **ACCREDITATION**

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We apply on a conference by conference basis for accreditation with the NSW, ACT & QLD Bars and in the past all conferences have been accredited. On our reading of the VIC Bar Compulsory Continuing Professional Development Rules this conference attracts one point per hour (including ethics). Similarly on our reading of the rules these conferences qualify for continuing professional development points for solicitors in QLD, NSW, ACT, SA & VIC. We are an approved QA provider for the WA Legal Practice Board, which means that all conferences attract points for WA solicitors & barristers (to a limit of 7 CPD points). The HK Law Society has approved our conferences on a case by case basis which gives lawyers from many parts of the USA continuing education points via reciprocal arrangements.

## **TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS**

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CPE Travel Pty Ltd is our licensed travel agency within the conference organisation. Our experienced travel consultants are available to assist you with all travel arrangements including airfares, 2-for-1 packages, car hire, pre-conference and post-conference accommodation. Contact our office to speak with one of our consultants on 07 3254 3331 or email [travel@educationcpe.com](mailto:travel@educationcpe.com).

## **THE PROFESSIONAL and ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

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Conference sessions will run a disciplined 4 hours each day generally starting early to late afternoon giving you ample time to explore the city and its surrounds.

Speakers at our conferences in the past have included judges at all levels including the Canadian Court of Appeal, the US Federal Court of Appeal, the Venice International Arbitration Court and other international arbitration bodies, European trial and appeal courts and from Australia and NZ at all levels. Other speakers have included legal experts from the World Trade Organisation, the World Intellectual Property Organisation, the Red Cross, the International Labour Organisation, practising lawyers and legal academics from the USA, Europe, Burma, China and of course Australia and NZ and representatives of law enforcement bodies like the money laundering division of the Swiss police.

The program for 2012 is not yet finalised and will be released soon.

This conference runs in combination with our Val Thorens Conference in the Three Valleys in France in the week before Easter 31 March to 7 April 2012. There are many options on travelling from Val Thorens to Berlin. One option is staying overnight in Paris on Easter Saturday night and then the train or plane to Berlin.

**Conference Motto: CARPE DIEM (Seize the day!)**