

**FACT SHEET**  
**THE 15<sup>th</sup> EUROPE ASIA LEGAL CONFERENCE**  
**LAKE COMO, ITALY**  
**LATE JUNE – EARLY JULY 2013 (exact dates TBC)**

*This conference will run before the Istanbul/Gallipoli and London/Stratford-upon-Avon Legal Conferences July 2013*

One test for a good conference is its track record. Judging by the comments of delegates this conference has had the enthusiastic support of attendees from the 5 previous conferences at Lake Como, approving content format and venue.

**LAKE COMO** is described by a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist as one of those points where heaven meets earth. The conference venue is the Hotel Regina Olga, on Lake Como's edge, in the village of Cernobbio. The lake's shore is dotted with picturesque villages, housing ancient villas surrounded by luxuriant gardens. A regular ferry makes these villages accessible for a morning excursion. Anywhere you can taste wonderful Italian cuisine (without a lot of searching) at reasonable prices. Classically outdoor dining is de rigeur. At night, having something more sophisticated to slip into is in keeping with local style. The famous Villa D'Este is a short walk from the conference venue and for some wicked indulgence may be worth a night's stay. For sailboarders and sailors, Lake Como is a world championship venue (boats and sailboards are for hire). You will experience the delights of a northern Italian summer, the way Europeans have for centuries. Lake Como is also one of those cultural cross-roads of Europe where you will hear English, Italian, French and German spoken. Horse-riding, walking in the hills, a round of golf, hiring a bicycle or just spending a day walking round the ancient centre of the city of Como are wonderful ways to take in the region. Poking about some of the shops in Como or one of the villages reveals moderately priced antiques, places to buy local art and exquisite silks. Or travel the few miles to Switzerland for morning tea. Milan is also easily accessible by car or train.

**The academic and professional program** has always been the centrepiece of our conferences, but an equally important part is the networking activities we organise outside the formal program. Over the years many delegates have forged professional 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. Delegates have also reported that the informal interaction with other delegates has led to the cross-pollination 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.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Conference venue is the Hotel Regina Olga (Via Regina, 18 - 22012 CERNOBBIO Como) on the lake's edge. Prices in 2010 started at \$AUD420\* for a double room per night including breakfast (the second person occupying that room is free of charge). Single occupancy was \$AUD330\* per night including breakfast and a triple room was \$AUD480\* per room per night including breakfast. Prices for 2013 will be finalised closer to the conference commencing

We will have 2 other hotels available for the conference: they are Hotel Miralago, which is a 3 star hotel next door to the Regina Olga and Hotel Centrale located across the road from Hotel Regina Olga. Prices for 2013 are yet to be confirmed.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

We will organise a number of social events including a conference dinner on the first night, a sunset cruise and dinner on Isola Comacina, the only Island on Lake Como and a bus trip to Switzerland for some shopping at Foxtown (*brand factory outlet*) – being an opportunity to pick up some wonderful designer wear. We'll also offer a trip to the famous gardens of Villa Carlotta hopefully to take in a concert there. *The registration fee does not include the cost of the social events.*

## GETTING THERE

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Hotel Regina Olga can be reached from the Como-North highway, from the **Milan** airports (Malpensa, Linate and from **Switzerland**). There are 3 Milan airports; Malpensa, the main international airport 50 km north of Milan; Linate, the main domestic Milan airport with some international services; and Orio al Serio, the budget airlines airport ([www.sacbo.it](http://www.sacbo.it)), closer to Bergamo rather than Milan. Lake Como's closest airport is Lugano, Switzerland, (see [www.lugano-airport.ch](http://www.lugano-airport.ch)), about 40 minutes by car to Cernobbio. Swiss Air flies to Lugano via Zurich.

## 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 QLD Bar Association. Our reading of the NSW, ACT, SA & VIC Bar Compulsory Continuing Professional Development Rules is that these conferences attract one point per hour (but not every session has points & there is a maximum limit per conference). 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, so 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 & 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. Below is a sample of the papers given at this conference in 2010:

**Robert Miller & Murray McInnis** – Barristers from Melbourne: *“Alternative Dispute Resolution with the principal focus being on Federal and Supreme Court approaches to Mediation”*

**Barbara Hocking** – Former Victoria Barrister: *“The Quality of Mercy” - Mabo Case, Indigenous Peoples and Settlers of Australia*

**Associate Professor John Carter** - Senior Visiting Endocrinologist, Concord & Hornsby Hospitals: *“Hypoglycaemia & the Court Room – an exploration of when certain medical conditions can affect ‘mens rea’ and some examination of automatism”*

**Philip Duffy** – Solicitor and Principal of Macpherson + Kelley Lawyers, specialising in WorkCover, OH&S + Employment Law: *“The Workers Compensation, and OHS regime in Australia”*.

**Hans-Peter Mofors** - Psychiatrist from Sweden: *“Connection between Inflammation and Mood Disorder”*

**Lorenzo Boccabella** - Barrister-at-Law: *“The European Court of Human Right”*

**Francisco Esparraga** - The University of Notre Dame Australia: *“Aspects of Administrative law with an international perspective”*

**Greg Walsh** – Lecturer, The University of Notre Dame Australia: *“At the Intersection of Anti-Discrimination Legislation and Religious Liberty”*

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

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