

FACT SHEET
The 12th ANNUAL PAN EUROPE PACIFIC LEGAL CONFERENCE
PARIS, FRANCE
Sunday 5 February 2012- Sunday 12 February 2012

This will be our third conference held in Paris, France, from 5 – 12 February 2012. Our previous Paris conferences held in 2009 & 2010 were a great success. Paris in winter is wonderful, minimal queues, everything is open and in February Paris often has a dusting of snow adding a white lacquer to the whole city. Outdoors, overcoats are de rigueur, and walking the streets of Paris in the cold crisp air is not only romantic but is invigorating. Plus the wine tastes so much better in winter.

All sessions will be held at **Hôtel Royal Saint Honoré**. France plays a big role in the development of legal systems within the European Union and therefore has an important influence on the rest of the legal world. Many judgments and legal texts arising out of Europe are published in French. Montesquieu of course was influential in designing the doctrine of the separation of powers and is regarded by many as a co-author in a philosophical sense of the constitution of the United States of America. So, Paris is an important place to refresh one's perspectives on law and practice. We will take in some of the international institutions based in Paris as a backdrop to our conference.

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

Rates and hotels below are based on our April 2010 conference. Prices for February 2012 are not yet finalised.

In 2012 we have 4 conference hotels all in the one precinct – near the Tuileries gardens & walking distance to Musée du Louvre, the Musée D'Orsay & the Siene. Until payment prices are subject to exchange rate variations.

Hôtel Royal Saint Honoré –a 4 star classy hotel Double Superior room rates for **2012** start at \$AUD 395 per room, per night including breakfast, and city taxes other room configurations are available on request.

Hotel Du Lion d'Or (10 rooms only) - a good value 2 star hotel with free wireless internet. This charming hotel provides a welcoming family atmosphere and competitive pricing. Prices began at \$240 per night for a classic double with shower (second person stays free, does not include any breakfast).

Relais Saint Honoré (5 rooms only): A boutique hotel with 17th Century charm. Double rooms were \$370 per night (second person stays free, does not include any breakfast).

Hotel Brighton: (5 rooms only) In Rue Rivoli overlooking the Tuileries Garden and many of the most beautiful monuments in Paris, the view from the Hotel Brighton is spectacular. Cost of a deluxe double room was \$399 per night (second person stays free, does not include any breakfast).

We also offer a variety of apartments for rent. (All prices are subject to room availability and exchange rate variations).

We advise not rushing to check out of Paris; an extra day at least is advised or at the very least a late departure. Sunday is a wonderful day to be in Paris. We have a conference dinner and welcome drinks on Sunday 5 February 2012. During the conference week, we plan a day trip to the Champagne region (*returning to Paris that evening*). Whilst in the Champagne region, we will look at intellectual property issues as a basis for industry protection. Appellation control is one of the weapons used to control brand management. During the course of the conference week we will organise guided tours of the Musée du Louvre and the Musée D'Orsay (where we will see the modern masters).

REGISTRATION

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

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

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.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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.

Here is the list of speakers from the last Paris conference held in 2010 – the final agenda for 2012 will be settled in closer to the conference date:

Dr Paul Nisselle - Senior Medical Education Consultant - The Medical Protection Society, London - "Open disclosure after adverse events – does it promote or prevent litigation?"

Representative of the legal department of the OECD

Dr Piero Giorgi, Professor of Philosophy, University of Bologna, anatomist and expert on medical history - "Certain aspects of medical ethics"

Dr Marcus Kennedy - Director Emergency Medicine, Royal Melbourne Hospital "Defining Responsibility for Care at Clinical Interfaces"

Lorenzo Boccabella Barrister-at-law: The legal and medical ethics of practitioners participating in developing techniques of questioning detainees in a way which falls short of torture but involves physical harm – Looks at the US Justice Department advices on Guantanamo Bay released in early 2009 and a critical report of the Red Cross.

Arlene MacDonald, Barrister-at-Law, specialising in Tax, Trusts & Administrative Law – "An Update on the Family Court Trust Busting" (including an examination of the recent High Court case of Spry)

Jennier Rice, Senior Associate of Thynne & Macartney Lawyers - "Relationship Breakdowns the positive side".

We have contact with a number of legal practitioners who practise international commercial law in Paris and in 2012, two of them will give a lecture on various aspects of their practice.)