

FACT SHEET

ROME, ITALY

PAN EUROPE ASIA LEGAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday 18 September – Tuesday 25 September 2012

Not only does a huge part of our linguistic history come from Rome but Rome is also the font of much of our legal and philosophical heritage. So it's an ideal place to re-forged and re-examine links with Europe. Rome is one of Europe's great cities. So much of its history is still preserved and is so accessible.

The academic and professional program has always been the centre piece 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 networking events associated with the conferences.

ACCOMMODATION

The conference hotel is the Domus Romana in Rome's historic centre. Prices start at \$410 per night for a double room including continental breakfast. (All prices are subject to room availability and exchange rate variations).

CONFERENCE VENUE

Conference sessions will alternate between the conference hotel (Domus Romana) and an historic building called the Palazzetto della Carte Geografiche, Via Napoli located near the conference hotel.

SOCIAL EVENTS

A number of social events will be organised during the conference week, starting with Welcome Drinks and Conference dinner on the first night held at the Hosteria Romana starting at 7pm. Other events include classical music and the opera. The Saturday or Sunday of the conference will include a trip to the Roman hills. Remember, Rome has some of the best shopping in Europe all year round. The registration fee does not include the cost of the social events.

A CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHT

One special event on this conference will be meeting the Honourable Marco Fedi, member of the Chamber of Deputies (the House of Representatives) who represents Oceania (which includes Australia). Mr Fedi will host a discussion on the Italian Parliamentary system & politics with commentary & analysis by Lorenzo Boccabella. The plan at this stage is to visit Parliament while it is in session.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rome has wonderful cuisine, with exquisite restaurants dotting the city, many good and not highly expensive. Its nightlife covers all tastes and moods from opera, music and an energetic club scene. We run most of the conference sessions in late afternoon till early evening which means that delegates congregate for dinner in the evenings, so the whole week has a great sense of camaraderie with the flexibility to do one's own thing if one wishes.

REGISTRATION

Registration cost is \$AUD1100 for single registration or for multiple registrations, \$AUD850. Please note that international conferences do not attract GST. 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), I will refund your registration fee less a \$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 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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THE PROFESSIONAL & 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.

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, the Italian trial and appeal courts & judges 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 & 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 and Ireland's Criminal Assets Bureau.

Conference Motto: CARPE DIEM (Seize the day!)