

### FACT SHEET

#### The 10th EUROPE OCEANIA LEGAL CONFERENCE

#### THE 3 VALLEYS (Val Thorens), FRANCE

Saturday 31 March 2012 - Saturday 7 April, 2012 (Easter Saturday)

(Pre-Easter Week)

(Note that post-Easter our **Berlin** Legal Conference runs from 9 – 16 April 2012)

This is the 10th Europe Oceania conference taking place in the week before Easter, this time being held in France in the 3 Valleys at the resort of Val Thorens. We have now run over 100 international conferences in the last 16 years. They have now become an entrenched part of legal & business continuing education calendar for practitioners, judicial office holders & academics from all over the world. It is essential for our professional development to mix with colleagues from different jurisdictions & hear papers from international experts.

**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.

Val Thorens is the highest alpine resort in Europe (2300m altitude) offering heaps for non-skiers and skiers alike. Non-skiers can take a cable car to the roof of the world, take in lunch or coffee on the slopes, do tobogganing or snow walking. There's superb doorstep skiing forming part of the huge Les 3 Vallées linked ski area. With over 600km of piste, it is the largest linked ski area in the world. Set in a huge ski bowl, with runs fanning out in all directions, Val Thorens was a site for the 1992 Winter Olympics. Snow conditions are excellent throughout the season, late March early April being an ideal time to be there. Les 3 Vallées has some of the most amazing skiing you will ever encounter!

Other facilities include a sports centre with indoor swimming pool, sauna, squash, tennis, fun park and outdoor skating rink. Hang-gliding, snow scooters, paragliding are also available. The cinema has many films in English, plus you can sample the varied cuisine or go shopping in the arcades and stylish boutiques. Children are well catered for with locally run facilities such as the new toboggan area in the middle of the resort (Place Caron) which is great fun for children (from the age of 2). As for the over eight year olds, they can enjoy the incredible sensations of the highest & longest toboggan run in France!

### ACCOMMODATION

We offer a range of accommodation to suits all tastes and budgets.

**"Val – Chavière"**: Our main conference accommodation in 2010 was the delightful hotel "Val – Chavière", a 3 star property in a superb ski-in/out location with tremendous views of the mountains, located on the slopes as well as being only a few minutes from the resort centre. The rate for a double room in 2010 was \$320 per night, including dinner bed & breakfast.

**"Le Val Thorens"**: Offering a higher standard of accommodation the charming hotel "Le Val Thorens", shares the great doorstep skiing location and close to the town. 2010 Rates were \$550 per night for a double room including dinner bed & breakfast.

**L'Oxalys**: At the upper end we have the delectable L'Oxalys, providing luxury chalet apartments on the slopes. This exquisite residence has a renowned Michelin starred gourmet restaurant and also a relaxation centre with its pool, spa, hammam and sauna and "Oxlays Spa" (limited access by reservation). Rates are available on an individual basis by request; in 2010 they started at \$490 approx per night for a 2 person apartment (no meals, towels and linen provided).

Prices quoted here are based on 2010 season rates, they may vary & tourist tax may apply payable locally. Child discounts are available. Please enquire with our office for a quotation for your specific requirements.

**All prices are subject to room availability and exchange rate variations**

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## HOW TO GET THERE

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There are a few transport options for getting to the conference at Val Thorens, the decision on which is best for you will probably initially depend upon your international flight connections and times, or whether you are travelling from somewhere else within Europe. The best airports for international flights are Geneva, Lyon or Paris. Geneva is 150km or about 3.5 hours by road and a really nice place to incorporate a stopover prior to or after the conference. Lyon is 180km away or 3 hours by road. Paris is always a great stopover at either end of the our conference plus Paris has train connections to Berlin, the venue for our post Easter conference. There are many trains between Paris and Moutiers, which is the main resort train/transport gateway, 37km or a 40minute-1hr journey away from Val Thorens. (Trains run from Moutiers to other major cities and Geneva/Lyon Airports). Our office can advise and can provide booking services for most transport arrangements. If you would like to drive yourself to the resort, cars can be hired via our office. Please note the resort of Val Thorens is a pedestrian resort. All cars must be parked in one of the open or undercover car parks in and around the resort. [www.valthoparc.com](http://www.valthoparc.com) provides current prices and reservation facilities.

## 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 conferences 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 ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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Here is a sample of the topics & speakers who have participated at this conference in the past:

**Victor Vazquez-Lopez**, counsel, World Intellectual Property Organisation, Geneva – ‘Copyright in the new technology’  
**Dr Piero Giorgi**, Professor of Philosophy, University of Bologna – “Causation in medicine & its implications in bioethics”  
**Dr Carlo Rosso**, Psychiatrist-Sexologist, Professor of Psychology & Psychopathology of Sexual Behaviour at Turin University & President of the Italian Society of Sexual Psychopathology - ‘Problematic Sexual Behaviour & its forensic impacts’  
**Dr Hans-Peter Mofors**, Swedish psychiatrist– “Affective personality disorders – medico-legal implications”  
**Prof Hamish McCallum**, Ecologist – “The cross over of diseases from animals to humans – some medico-legal & health law implications”.  
**Geoffrey Gertler**, Senior Counsel, World Trade Organisation – ‘Resolving disputes within the WTO’  
**Jennifer Hetherington**, Family law expert – “Asset protection, pre-nuptial agreements and Family Law”  
**Mr S Bova**, lawyer in Switzerland & Italy – “Business law issues relating to doing business in Europe”  
**Dr Drew Dixon** – orthopaedic surgeon and health law specialist – “Informed Consent”  
**Ron Baldwin**, Barrister – ‘Property investment – pitfalls and planning’

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