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IAFL was formed in 1986 to improve the practice of law and administration of justice in the area of divorce and family law throughout the world.

A WORLDWIDE NETWORK

Since 1986, IAFL has grown steadily, both in terms of the countries represented and the overall membership. The number of countries now represented is 57 and IAFL has over 800 Fellows. IAFL currently has 4 regional Chapters: a USA Chapter with over 320 Fellows from 39 states; a European Chapter with over 260 Fellows from 31 different countries; an Asia Pacific Chapter with over 100 Fellows from 10 countries and a Canadian Chapter with over 40 Fellows. More than 40 IAFL Fellows practice in countries spread throughout the rest of the world.

We encourage applications from high calibre lawyers from unrepresented countries as well as those countries which already have representation. For ease of communication, it is a requirement that all Fellows include English among their languages.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

IAFL enables Fellows practising international family law to obtain legal assistance of the highest calibre in another country. Fellows, non-IAFL lawyers and members of the public alike are able to search the IAFL website for the most highly regarded

international family practitioners in the countries represented.

IAFL contains a wealth of experience of international practice and Fellows frequently seek assistance from other Fellows on a wide range of issues. We share information with all Fellows through the members area of our website. IAFL provides Fellows with an invaluable network of contacts throughout the world.

IAFL MEETINGS

IAFL holds an annual meeting at a different venue each year. The Chapters also meet annually at different venues. Meetings usually run from Wednesday evening to Sunday morning. Each meeting includes a substantial educational programme on international family law.

These meetings provide a great opportunity for Fellows to update themselves on legal developments throughout the world and to establish or renew contact with fellow international lawyers.

Active participation in IAFL meetings provides the Fellows with an enjoyable and rewarding way to develop their professional life.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of IAFL is by invitation only. Lawyers who are interested in joining IAFL are asked to submit information to satisfy established criteria for membership in order to obtain the approval of the Board of Admissions. The process is a rigorous one, designed to ensure that the high level of expertise within IAFL is maintained.

Individual requests for a reduction in dues will be considered and dealt with confidentially at the point of accepting an invitation to join IAFL.

Lawyers who wish to apply to join IAFL should go to www.iafl.com/about/join.



IAFL Introduction to International Family Law Conference

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A conference for recently admitted IAFL Fellows and Lawyers interested in discovering IAFL work

Thursday 21 and Friday 22 March 2019
Ramada Plaza Hotel, Milan

POCKET PROGRAMME

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THURSDAY 21 MARCH

Registration Open

1:00-5:30pm

Outside Plenary Galleria, Ramada Plaza Hotel

Afternoon Conference

2:00-5:15pm

Plenary Galleria, Ramada Plaza Hotel

2:00-2:15pm

Welcome Speech and Introductory Talk

William Massey, IAFL European Chapter President and Dr Adrienn Varai-Jeges (Hague Network judge and international family liaison judge for Hungary)

2:15-3:30pm Session 1

Family Law Reform: two things about divorce or financial provision that I would change in my jurisdiction

Chair: Carlo Rimini (Milan, Italy)
Panel: Julie Losson (Moscow/Paris), Alistair Myles (London), Francesca Mele (Milan), Maryla Rytter Wróblewski (Denmark)

3:30-4:00pm Afternoon Tea

4:00-5:15pm Session 2

The Modern Family – surrogacy, gay marriage and cohabitation rights

Chair: Suzanne Todd (London, England)
Panel: Konstantinos Rokas (Athens), Niamh Ni Ghairbia Garvey (Paris), Oksana Voynarovska (Kiev), Marie Berger (Geneva)

Evening Activities

6:30-7:30pm

Welcome reception at the at the Milan Bar Association

Depart Ramada Plaza Hotel: 5:45pm by coach

8:00-10:45pm

Pre-Paid Dinner with wine at Globe Restaurant

A short walk from the Bar Association
Coaches return to Ramada Plaza at 10:45pm

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

Registration Open

9:00am-3:30pm

Outside Plenary Galleria, Ramada Plaza Hotel

Conference

9:45am-3:30pm

Plenary Galleria, Ramada Plaza Hotel

9.45-11:00am Session 1

Permission to Remove Children Abroad

Chair: William Healing (London, England)
Speakers: Nicholas Anderson (London), Nina Wölfer (Potsdam), Grazia Cesaro (Milan)

11:00-11:30am Coffee Break

11:30-11:45am

Presentation by IAFL European Chapter Young Lawyers Award Winner

11:45am-1:00pm Session 2

The Brand New EU Matrimonial Property

Regulation: expert analysis
Speaker: Ian Sumner (Utrecht, Netherlands)

1:00-2:15pm Lunch

2:15-3:30pm Session 3

Dealing with difficult clients – top tips in those tricky situations

Chair: Cinzia Calabrese (Milan, Italy)
Speakers: Jennifer Wilkie (Edinburgh), James Riby (London), Chantal van Baalen (Amsterdam), Amparo Abaizar (Alicante)

Evening Activities

6:30-7:30pm

Closing Drinks at the Ramada Plaza Hotel

Congress Centre Foyer, Ramada Plaza Hotel

8:00-10:45pm

Pre-Paid Dinner with wine at L'Isola del Tesoro

Depart Ramada Plaza Hotel: 7:45pm by coach
Coaches return to Ramada Plaza at 10:45pm

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For coach transfers to evening activities, please gather in the main foyer area of the Ramada Plaza Hotel 15 minutes before specified departure times