



## Competition Law Association

British Group of the  
Ligue Internationale du Droit de la Concurrence  
(International League for Competition Law)

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Dear Member

### **LIDC Questions: Workshop, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, at MacFarlanes LLP at 6pm.**

Every year the LIDC examines two topical questions concerning competition law and the law against unfair competition. This year the competition law question relates to settlements, leniency, commitments and other types of resolution of antitrust proceedings. The IP/unfair competition question considers the principle of the exhaustion of IP rights in the context of the on-line industry. Details of the two questions for 2014 are enclosed below.

We are pleased to announce that our two national reporters this year are Marc Israel at Macfarlanes (on question A) and Bill Batchelor at Baker & McKenzie (on question B). The National Reporter for each question is responsible for preparing a report dealing with questions raised by the relevant International Reporter and representing the views of the national group. Based on the various national reports, the International Reporter for that question then prepares an international report, including, where possible, a draft of a Resolution.

The purpose of the Workshops is to seek Members' contributions and comments on the draft UK reports prepared by our National Reporters that will be circulated in advance. This will include input into the issues of policy and principle underpinning each question and any Resolution which the Association considers should be proposed.

The Workshop will be held on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May** at **MacFarlanes LLP**, 20 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1LT. The working session will begin at **6.00pm** and will last for up to two hours, followed by drinks and canapés.

There is no additional charge for members. There will be a charge for non-members: £50, or £35 (full time academic/public sector employees), or £10 (student, trainees, pupil barristers). Registrations can be completed and paid for on-line. Two CPD points will be available.

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We would be delighted if you could come along to this meeting, which should be an excellent opportunity to discuss the issues raised by the questions with other practitioners in an informal setting. If you cannot come yourself, you might consider sending a colleague along in your place.

Members should please visit our website at [www.competitionlawassociation.org.uk](http://www.competitionlawassociation.org.uk) to register attendance and to renew membership if you have not already done so. Please note that on-line registration will close 24 hours prior to the meeting taking place. Tickets will not be issued.

With kind regards

**Sharon Horwitz**  
Secretary

### **TURIN CONGRESS 2014 QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- **Question A:**

**Are settlement processes, leniency, transactions, commitments and other type of transactional resolution of antitrust proceedings, consistent and compatible with due process and fundamental rights of the parties?**

- **Question B:**

**To what extent does the principle of exhaustion of IP rights apply to the on-line industry?**

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