



Competition Law Association

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Ligue Internationale du Droit de la Concurrence
(International League for Competition Law)

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Dear Member

LIDC Questions Workshop: Wednesday 18 May, 2016 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 (question A) relates to the application of the competition rules in the pharmaceuticals sector.

The IP/unfair competition question (question B) considers the rules for claims by suppliers of goods or services about national or geographical origin of their goods or services.

Details of the two questions for 2016 are detailed below.

We are pleased to announce that our two national reporters this year are James Bourke, Monckton Chambers (on question A) and Ashley Roughton, Nabarro (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 **Wednesday 18 May** at **Monckton Chambers**, 1 & 2 Raymond Buildings, Grays Inn, London WC1R 5NR. The working session will begin at **6.00pm** and will last for up to two hours. The Workshop is informal and refreshments will be on offer to lubricate discussions.

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 to register attendance and to renew membership if you have not already done so. Please note that on-line registration will close on Tuesday 17 May. Tickets will not be issued.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary

GENEVA CONGRESS 2016 QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **Question A:**

In the case of pharmaceuticals, in what way should the application of the competition rules be affected by the specific characteristics of those products and markets (including consumer protection rules, the need to promote innovation, the need to protect public budgets, and other public interest considerations)?

- **Question B:**

What rules should govern claims by suppliers of goods or services about national or geographical origin of their goods or services?

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