

# IAIR

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSOLVENCY REGULATORS

## 2013 Annual Conference & AGM

### “Managing an Insolvency Regime in a Difficult Financial Economic Climate”

An exciting conference with an agenda that is designed to provide essential information and updates for regulatory bodies around the world that are facing the challenges of providing an insolvency regime in the current difficult financial climate. An opportunity to network, share experiences with colleagues and learn from best practice around the world.

Set in the stunning location of central Edinburgh, we will offer a true warm Scottish welcome to all delegates and accompanying partners. Our evening events will provide access to two key Scottish tourist attractions – in a way that few tourists are usually able to experience.

**Location:** The George Hotel, Edinburgh, Scotland

**Date:** 24-26 September 2013

Welcome Reception on 23 September 2013 at **Edinburgh Castle**,  
Hosted by Fergus Ewing MSP  
on behalf of The Scottish Government

Formal Dinner on 24 September on the **Royal Yacht Britannia**  
Sponsored by Harper Macleod LLP





## THE LOCATION - SCOTLAND

2013 is the Year of Natural Scotland - a chance to enhance Scotland's reputation as a place of outstanding natural beauty. The aim of Year of Natural Scotland 2013 is to promote Scotland's stunning natural beauty and biodiversity, and promote ways in which visitors can enjoy our beautiful landscapes, wildlife and heritage.

Packed with history, Edinburgh, also known as *Auld Reekie* and the *Athens of the North*, was founded in the 7th century and is so old that streets have been built on top of older streets from medieval times with over 4,500 listed buildings in the city. Ghost stories are rife and visitors can take a tour into the vaulted chambers below the Royal Mile, purportedly one of the most haunted places in Britain.

A haven of the arts, Edinburgh hosts a range of world famous festivals and events including the Edinburgh International Festival, the Edinburgh Fringe, the Edinburgh International Film Festival, the Edinburgh International Book Festival, the Hogmanay Street party, the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and the Edinburgh Science Festival to name a few. With events happening throughout the year, the city is a delight for visitors. Galleries, museums and parks abound for anyone left without something to do and the city is considered one of the most picturesque in Europe.

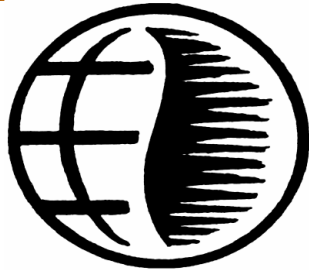
Step outside the city into the lush Lothian countryside and you enter a sweeping green landscape filled with castles, country houses and ancient battlefields, a reminder of Scotland's rich past.

The primary attraction can be found in the otherwise unremarkable village of Roslin, some seven miles south of Edinburgh city centre. Here you'll find the mysterious, richly decorated late-Gothic Rosslyn Chapel, which featured prominently in the blockbuster film and book, 'The Da Vinci Code'.

Explore Scotland, famous for its historic castles, traditional highland games and beautiful lochs, and discover the setting of world-famous movies, the place for stylish shopping and the perfect stage for new and exciting events.







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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

14.00 -17.00	Early Registration & networking opportunity
14.00 -17.00	Executive Committee meeting (Executive Committee members only)
18.30	Coach departs George Hotel for Edinburgh Castle
19.00	<b>Minister's Drinks Reception – Edinburgh Castle</b> Hosted by Fergus Ewing MSP on behalf of the Scottish Government. Including formal conference photograph
20.45	Coach departs Edinburgh Castle for George Hotel

The conference will begin with a drinks reception at Edinburgh Castle on the evening of Monday 23 September 2013.

Only the Queen and Ministers are allowed to host receptions there so we are very lucky that our Minister, Mr Fergus Ewing, on behalf of the Scottish Government, has offered to host the reception for us in the Great Hall.

After the reception there will be a chance to see the Crown Room and the Stone of Destiny where the nation's treasures are kept and if we are exceptionally lucky we may also be able to see some of the Royal Palace created in 1617 in honour of James VI. <http://www.edinburghcastle.gov.uk/>





## DAY 1 – TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER – OPENING AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Keynote speeches and debates on topics of general interest

08.15 -08.55	Registration – continued	
Time	Session topic	Speaker
Session 1 09.00-09.10	Welcome	◦ Rosemary Winter-Scott, IAIR Chair and Host country
Session 2 09.10-09.30	Conference opening - Keynote speech from the Minister	◦ Fergus Ewing MSP, Minister for Energy, Enterprise & Tourism
Session 3 09.30-10.40	Cross border operations - realising assets cross borders & the problems caused by lack of harmonisation	◦ Panel Chair - Prof. Ronen-Mevorach, Nottingham University ◦ James Lloyd, Harper Macleod LLP ◦ James Sprayregen, INSOL President
10.40-11.20	Morning Coffee/Tea & Networking	
Session 4 11.20-12.30	Regulation of Insolvency Practitioners – Panel debate & short presentations	◦ Panel Chair - Nick Howard UK Insolvency Service ◦ Andres Federico Martinez, World Bank ◦ Catherine Bridge, EBRD
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
Session 5 13.30-14.20	Social networks – understanding, controlling and using them in a live case environment	◦ Colin Tansley, Intellect Solutions Ltd
Session 6 14.20-14.50	EU an update	◦ Donna McKenzie Skene, Aberdeen University
14.50-15.20	Afternoon Tea/Coffee	
Session 7 15.20-15.50	Alternative solutions – Low income models around the world	◦ Mike Wilkins, Jersey
Session 8 15.50-16.20	Alternative solutions – DAS, a statutory debt management process	◦ Claire Orr, AiB
Session 10 16.20-16.30	Summary and close for the day	◦ Rosemary Winter-Scott, IAIR Chair and Host country
18.30	Coach departs George Hotel for Royal Yacht Britannia	
19.00	Formal Conference Dinner <b>Royal Yacht Britannia</b>	
23.00	Coach departs Royal Yacht Britannia for George Hotel	







## FORMAL CONFERENCE DINNER



The [Royal Yacht Britannia](http://www.royalyachtbritannia.co.uk/) was home to Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family for over 40 years, sailing over 1,000,000 miles around the world. Now berthed in Edinburgh, we will follow in the footsteps of royalty to discover the heart and soul of this most special of royal residences for the location of our formal dinner.

<http://www.royalyachtbritannia.co.uk/>

We will have exclusive use of the venue for the night – which will be guaranteed to be a night to remember.



We are delighted to be able to offer this exciting venue thanks to our headline sponsor, Harper Macleod LLP, one of Scotland's leading commercial law firms in Restructuring and Insolvency and winner of Insolvency Team of the Year at the Law Awards of Scotland 2012.





## DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER - OPTIONAL STREAMS WORKSHOPS/ DISCUSSION GROUPS AND PARLIAMENT VISIT

The sessions are not designed to be formal presentations but workshops based on case studies, discussions, debate and opportunity to look at systems developed and in use in other member countries and an opportunity to explore further some topics raised in the key note speeches. Each workshop will have a facilitator and will last for 1 hour.

9.00 -15.00	Conference Workshops Streams – The George Hotel	
<b>Workstream A - “Hands-on” Delivery issues</b>		<b>Facilitator</b>
A.1	Opportunity to explore further the DAS system – hands on	Kelly Quigley and Fiona Wilson, AiB
A.2	Delivering a service at a lower cost to the state - a) Charging for the bankruptcy service provided (and even on the basis of full cost recovery)	John Cook and Charles Keegan, AiB
A.3	Delivering a service at a lower cost to the state b) Contracting with providers/agents	John Cook and Katherine Morrison, AiB
A.4	The role of integrated advice and education	Claire Orr, AiB
<b>Workstream B – European Issues</b>		<b>Facilitator</b>
B.1	e-Portal & sharing information across borders	Dean Beale, UK Insolvency Service
B.2	The Development of Rescue Procedures	Catherine Bridge, EBRD
B.3	The European Preservation Account	Graham McPhie, Partner, Moon Beaver, Solicitors
B.4	Reform of the EU Insolvency Regulations	Dean Beale, UK Insolvency Service
<b>Workstream C- Corporate/International Issues</b>		<b>Facilitator</b>
C.1	Case Study - managing the insolvency of a multi-national company	Teresa Wong, Hong Kong
C.2	Case Study - director responsibilities across borders a) What issues arise when considering cross border disqualifications?”	Robyn Cox, New Zealand
C.3	Case Study - director responsibilities across borders b) what are the options on recovery from directors	José M Garrido, World Bank
C. 4	Fraud	Lester Basson, South Africa
15.00-17.00	Visit to the <b>Scottish Parliament</b> A chance to visit the fantastic Scottish Parliament building and observe business in the main debating chamber	





### DAY 3 - THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & MEMBER SESSIONS

This day is for the regulatory countries & members/aspiring members only

Time	Session topic	Speaker
Session 1 09.00-09.10	Welcome	IAIR Chair and Host country
Session 2 09.10-09.50	Annual General Meeting N.B. This is for members only	
Session 3 09.50-10.30	Update 1- from member country on Bankruptcy Law Reform	Ireland
10.30-11.10	Morning Coffee/Tea	
Session 4 11.10-11.50	Update 2 - from member country on Bankruptcy Law Reform	Scotland
Session 5 11.50-12.30	World Bank report on the treatment of the insolvency of natural persons	José M Garrido, World Bank & participating countries, Columbia and South Africa
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
Session 6 13.30-14.10	Updates from new member countries	T.B.C.
Session 7 14.10-14.50	Report on projects, discussion of topics for future projects/studies	
14.50-15.20	Afternoon Tea/Coffee	
Session 8 15.20-15.45	Presentation from the next host country Flag ceremony – handing over the conference flag	
Session 9 15.45-16.00	Conclusion Conference Close	IAIR Chair and Host country







## CONFERENCE VENUE

The three day conference will take place in The George Hotel, Edinburgh (an elegant grade II listed building in the heart of Edinburgh).



<http://www.edinburghgeorgehotel.co.uk/>

The George Hotel is also offering accommodation for delegates of the IAIR conference at the special rates of:

### **Conference rates for a standard room:**

£159 B&B per room per night - single occupancy

£169 B&B per room per night - double occupancy

(Normal rate for standard room single occupancy is £229 per room per night excluding breakfast.)

### **Conference rates for an executive room:**

£184 B&B per room per night - single occupancy

£194 B&B per room per night - double occupancy

(Normal rate for executive room single occupancy is £299 per room per night excluding breakfast.)

Members are responsible for booking their own hotel rooms directly with the hotel and to secure the negotiated conference rates you should quote **"IAIR 2013"**. For delegates arriving before or staying after the conference the George will charge the conference room rate for their entire stay.

We will provide a list of other accommodation options for those who do not wish to stay in the conference hotel.







## CONFERENCE COSTS AND BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

The cost of the conference will be:

- \* **£430 to IAIR members** (£650 to non members)  
This will include the drinks reception in the Castle, the full 3 days of the conference with lunch included each day and the formal dinner on the Royal Yacht Britannia
- \* **£100 for accompanying partners**  
This will include the drinks reception in the Castle and the formal dinner on the Royal Yacht Britannia.  
Staff will be available on-site to sign post partners to the attractions in Edinburgh and the surrounding areas. At present we are not planning a formal partners programme though it could be arranged if there were sufficient numbers and sufficient demand.

Bookings can be made through the newly re-vamped IAIR website:

[www.insolvencyreg.org](http://www.insolvencyreg.org)

You can also ask us any questions related to the conference through the email address:

**IAIR2013@aib.gsi.gov.uk**

Please make this an important date in your diary – I am looking forward to welcoming you to Scotland. I can't guarantee the weather but I can guarantee an exciting and memorable conference and a warm Scottish welcome!

Rosemary Winter-Scott  
IAIR Chair  
The Accountant in Bankruptcy and Agency Chief Executive

