

# IAIR

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSOLVENCY REGULATORS

## 2014 Annual Conference & AGM

### “Innovation in Insolvency Regulation”

An exciting conference with an agenda that is designed to provide essential information and updates for regulatory bodies around the world that are seeking to ensure they maximise the benefits of innovation to their insolvency regimes. An opportunity to network, share experiences with colleagues and learn from best practice around the world.

We are delighted that our partner The World Bank Group is able to offer us the use of their conference venue in the stunning location of Washington DC. This year's conference is hosted by the Executive Committee of IAIR in association with the World Bank Group.

**Location:** The World Bank Group, Conference Venue, Washington D.C, USA

**Date:** 8-11<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Welcome Reception - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the World Bank Group

Formal Dinner - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at “Top of the Town”





## MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

14.00 -17.00	Registration & networking opportunity	
14.00 -17.00	Executive Committee meeting (Executive Committee members only)	
18.00	Drinks reception – at the World Bank Group Welcome to the World Bank Group and the World Bank Group’s role in the Insolvency landscape.	IAIR Chair & World Bank Group



## DAY 1 – TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER – OPENING AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Key note speeches in the morning and workshops sessions in the afternoon

08.15 -08.55	Registration – continued for later arrivals		
Time	Session topic		Speaker
Session 1 09.00-09.10	Welcome		IAIR Chair
Session 2 09.10-09.40	Key note speech – “ <b>Innovation in government /public sector – a reality or a contradiction in terms</b> ”		Richard Judge, UK Insolvency Service
Session 3 09.40-10.20	Plenary Session 2 – “ <b>The Changing Landscape of Bankruptcy in the USA</b> ”		Clifford J White III Director, United States Trustee Program (USTP)
10.20-11.10	Photograph and Morning Coffee/Tea		
Session 4 11.10-11.50	Plenary Session 3 - Panel Debate - <b>Use of technology to manage the insolvency process</b> – including: - managing the volumes of data, automated vetting of applications, linking to other organisations such as the courts etc., using the information to monitor the performance/behaviour of IPs.		- Doreen Solomon, Assistant Director for Oversight, USTP (Panel Chair). - Dean Beale, UK Insolvency Service
Session 5 11.50-12.30	Plenary Session 4 - Panel Debate - <b>Reining in the cost of Bankruptcy</b> – through efficiencies and controlling professional fees		- Bill James, Canada (Panel Chair) - Ramona Elliott, Deputy Director and General Counsel, USTP
12.30-13.30	Lunch		
Session 6 13.30-14.30	Workshops A – 3 streams		
	A1 – A hands on opportunity to look at examples of <b>technology</b> Facilitators Lynn Riley, chapter 7 trustee, and Kevin Anderson, chapter 13 trustee	B1 – USA <b>Chapter 11</b> - an opportunity to explore in more detail how it operates Facilitator - Nan Eitel, Associate General Counsel for Chapter 11 Practice, USTP.	C1 – <b>Cross border arrangements</b> – managing a personal insolvency case involving assets located internationally, Facilitator - Mike Wilkins, Jersey
14.30-15.10	Afternoon Tea/Coffee		
Session 7 15.10-16.10	Workshops B – 3 streams		
	A2 – <b>Establishing a new</b> regulatory organisation/process Facilitator – Lorcan O’Connor, Ireland	B2 - The <b>mortgage crisis</b> – what impact is it having on insolvency Facilitator - Diarmuid Gorham, Trial Attorney (and Co-Chair of the National Mortgage Settlement Monitoring Committee), USTP.	C2 – <b>Corporate governance</b> – balancing the roles of the board of directors, trustees and others. Facilitators - Prabha Chinien, Mauritius & Dr Irit Mevorach, World Bank Group
Session 8 16.10-16.50	Feedback from the workshops		
Session 9 16.50-17.00	Summary and close for the day		IAIR Chair
19.00	Formal Conference Dinner At “Top of the Town”		



**DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

Time	Session topic	Speaker
Session 1 8.45–08.50	Welcome	IAIR Chair
Session 2 08.50-9.25	Key note Speech - Plenary Session 5 – <b>Innovation in government in response to the emergencies of the corporate scandals of the early 2000s</b>	Dick Thornburgh, former United States Attorney General
Session 3 9.25-10.00	Plenary Session 6 - <b>Insolvency of Government Bodies (Detroit)</b> - including city and sovereign issue and the protection of pension rights	Kevyn Orr, Emergency Manager for the City of Detroit (and former Director, USTP)- <i>to be confirmed</i>
10.00-10.20	Morning Coffee/Tea	
Session 4 10.20-11.20	Workshops C – 3 streams	
	A3 – Developing best practice principles for the <b>regulation/licencing of Insolvency Practitioners</b> Facilitators – Dean Beale, UK Insolvency Service & Bill James, Canada	B3 – <b>Getting Debtors to make a fair contribution.</b> Case study looking at the realisation of assets and collection of contributions. Facilitator - Claire Orr Scotland
		C3 – <b>The role of the regulator</b> – how do we exercise innovation in the enforcement of our roles e.g. fines, warning letters etc rather than prosecutions Facilitator – Robyn Cox New Zealand
Session 5 11.20-11.40	Feedback from the Workshops	
Session 6 11.40-12.25	Plenary Session 6 – Panel Debate - <b>The Case for Business Bankruptcy Reform in the U.S. -- A Report on the Commission to Reform Chapter 11</b>	The American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) – Sam Gerdano (Panel Chair)
12.25-13.15	Lunch	
Session 7 13.15 -17.30	<b>“Field Trip”</b> – opportunity to see innovation in practice in the USA - <b>Visit to the United States Bankruptcy Court in Greenbelt, Maryland.</b> - The visit will include an introduction, tour of clerk of court’s operation (e.g., case processing), and sitting in on court hearings.	Chief Judge Nancy Alquist (Host)
19.00	Informal Dinner - Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab	Sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI)



**DAY 3 - THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & MEMBER SESSIONS**

Time	Session topic	Speaker
Session 1 09.00-09.10	Welcome	IAIR Chair
Session 2 09.10-09.50	Annual General Meeting N.B. This is for members only	
Session 3 09.50-10.30	<b>Update on Word Bank Projects</b>	World Bank Group
10.30-11.10	Morning Coffee/Tea	
Session 4 11.10-11.50	Feedback on IAIR projects – Bankruptcy fees and approaches to charging (Scotland)	Scotland
Session 5 11.50-12.30	Discussion of Topics for Future Projects/Studies	
Session 6 12.30-12.45	Conclusion Conference Close	IAIR Chair
12.45-13.45	Lunch	





## 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 (on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September), the full 3 days of the conference with lunch included each day and the formal dinner on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

\* **£100 for accompanying partners**

This will include the drinks reception (on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September), and the formal dinner on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

At present we are anticipating that there will be a small additional charge for the optional informal dinner on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Bookings can be made through the IAIR website:

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

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

[info@insolvencyreg.co.uk](mailto:info@insolvencyreg.co.uk) or directly to me at [rosemary.winter-scott@aib.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:rosemary.winter-scott@aib.gsi.gov.uk)

Please make this an important date in your diary – I am looking forward to welcoming you in Washington. Our colleagues (in the United States Trustee Program) have done an excellent job at helping to secure a very high calibre of speakers and we are hugely grateful to the World Bank Group for providing us with the venue. This really will be another excellent conference – which will be made a success by the attendance and involvement of IAIR members.

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

## CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATION

In seeking a recommended hotel we have tried hard to provide a hotel that is:

- a) In relative close proximity (walking distance) to the World Bank Group venue
- b) Is most likely to be achieved within the usual government approved rates
- c) Is the standard and quality of hotel that IAIR members have become accustomed to

Hence the recommended hotel (with whom we have arranged the best possible price) is:

### The Melrose Georgetown Hotel

2430 Pennsylvania Avenue NW,  
Washington, DC 20037  
Phone - 202-955-6400  
Fax - 202-775-8489  
Email - [info@melrosehoteldc.com](mailto:info@melrosehoteldc.com)

<http://www.melrosehoteldc.com/>

It is **8-10 minutes walk** from the World Bank Group – a fairly direct route (with little opportunity to get lost!)



We have managed to negotiate a special rate of **\$219 plus tax** inclusive of complimentary WI-Fi in each room. This is an exceptionally good rate for Washington and is a similar rate and quality of hotel to last year's recommended hotel in Edinburgh.

The Melrose Georgetown Hotel is a **AAA 4-star boutique hotel** in Washington, DC offering remarkable accommodations and amenities. Sharing a Pennsylvania Avenue address with the White House, the hotel offers a prestigious setting just steps from Georgetown and the Foggy Bottom Metro station and convenient to top attractions such as the National Mall, George Washington University, the Kennedy Center, Smithsonian museums, and the Potomac Riverfront.

It offers luxurious guest rooms and suites with black granite bathrooms and a huge selection of contemporary amenities, including high-speed Internet access, a modern fitness center and business center, meeting space for events and handcrafted cocktails at The Lounge.

**The Hotel is holding a number of rooms for us at this special rate – until 6 weeks before the conference. Hence if you wish to ensure you get a room and this special rate you need to book early!**

Members are responsible for booking their own hotel rooms directly with the hotel and to secure the negotiated conference rates you must quote **"1409IAIRAN"**. For delegates arriving before or staying after the conference the Melrose will charge the conference room rate for their entire stay.

To book your room electronically please click on the following booking link for the Melrose Georgetown Hotel:

**IAIR**

Alternatively you can call in the reservation at the Melrose Georgetown Hotel

**Phone number: 1-800-MELROSE**

**Reservations extension: 11**

Our contact with the Hotel has been - Ella Savon | Director of Diplomatic and Government Sales

## CONFERENCE VENUE

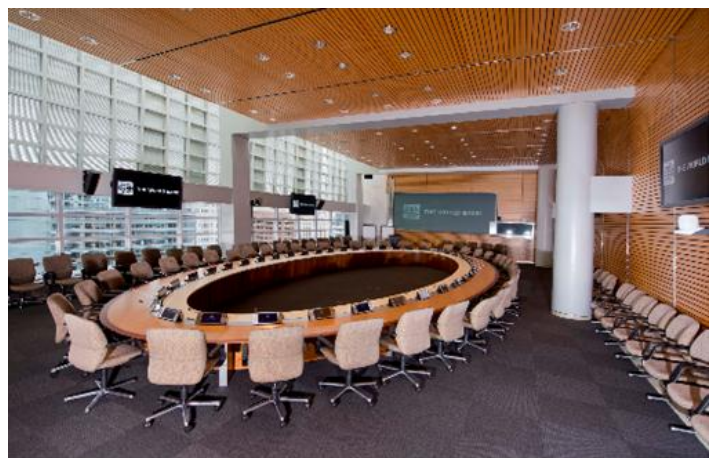
The conference is very kindly being hosted in the premises of the **World Bank Group**

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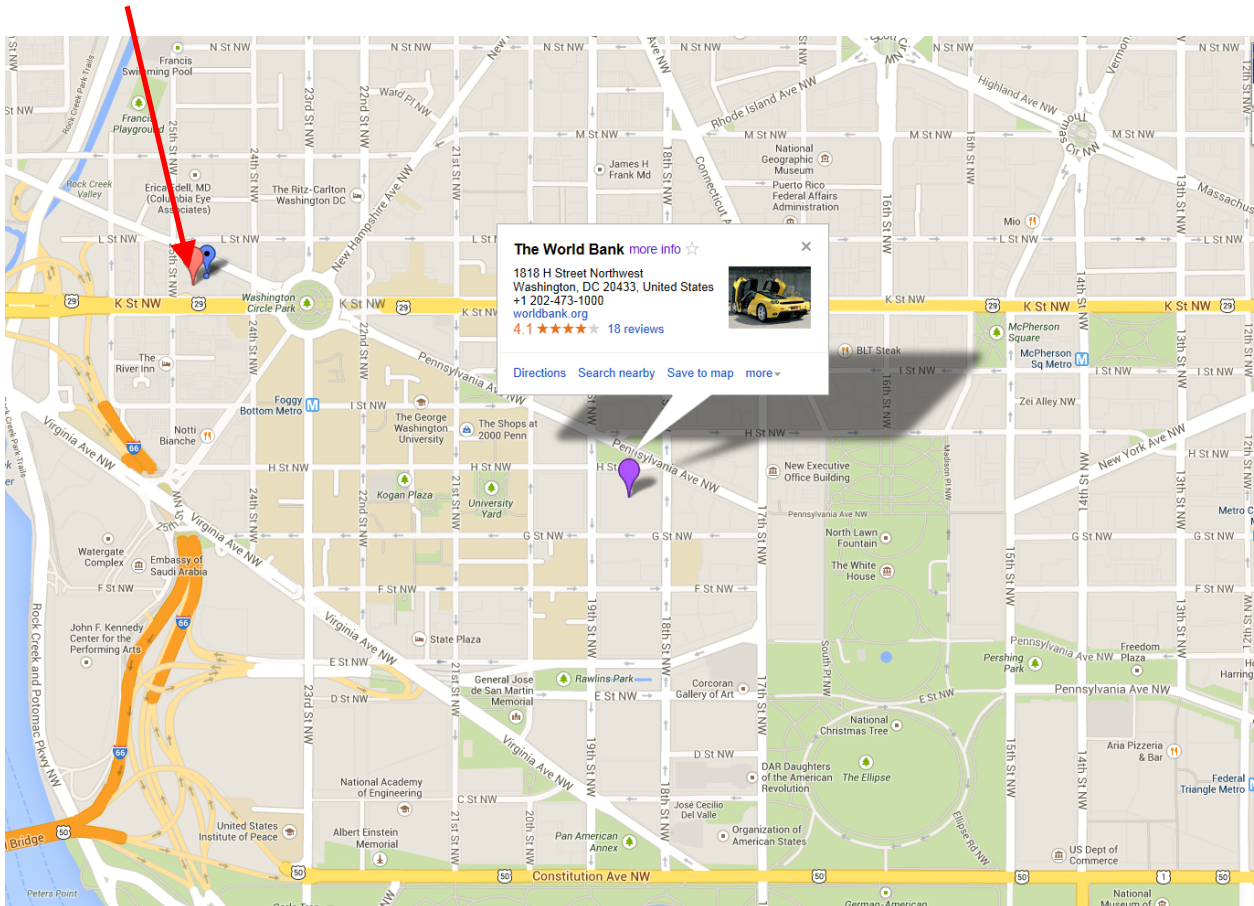
<http://www.worldbank.org/>

The main conference will take place in room MC 13-121 (photo below) which is set up with an integrated AV system and a number of wall screens around the room.

The drinks reception will be held in Private Dining Room ABC.



The Melrose Georgetown Hotel







## CONFERENCE SOCIAL EVENTS

### 1. Welcome Reception

A drinks reception will be hosted in the **World Bank Group** on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September** from **6.00pm to 8.00pm**

All delegates are requested to have registered at the IAIR reception in the World Bank Group premises prior to attending the reception. (Registration opens from 2pm.) This event is included in the cost of the delegate fee and the accompanying partners fee.

### 2. Formal Conference Dinner

The formal dinner will be held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm onwards** at the **Top of the Town (TOTT)**. Top of the Town is a reception and conference facility that offers beautiful panoramic views of the Washington skyline. It is just across the river and looks back into the city. It sits on the 12th floor of a building with floor to ceiling windows perched just above the Iwo Jima Memorial with views of the Washington Monument, the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, the Capitol Building, and the Kennedy Center. We will have full use of the facility (rooftop outdoor patio and indoor area).

Here's a picture of the view from Top of the Town – very Washington!

This event is included in the cost of the delegate fee and the accompanying partners fee.



### 3. Informal Dinner

Feedback from the conference last year suggested that members would prefer to have an informal dinner arranged for the remaining evening during the conference, rather than have a "free night". Hence we are arranging this for **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm onwards**.

We are delighted to have been able to secure sponsorship for this event from **The American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI)** hence this event will be provided at no additional cost to delegates and their accompanying partners.

The venue of the dinner is Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab at 750 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW. This is a very nice property, near the White House, with a private room and outstanding food. I have been told that people in the know agree it's "cool".

