



# **Annual Conference and AGM 2020**

## **Global Trends and Developments in the Insolvency Landscape**

**2-5 November 2020**  
**Kerry Hotel, Hong Kong**

Hosted by:



**Official Receiver's Office**

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Sponsored by:



**Companies Registry**

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## Conference Venue

### Kerry Hotel, Hong Kong

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We are delighted to invite you to join us in Hong Kong for the 2020 International Association of Insolvency Regulators' Annual Conference and AGM.

We will explore **Global Trends and Developments in the Insolvency Landscape**, ranging from IT advancement and trends, to jurisprudential innovation and development, across a multitude of jurisdictions. Delegates will have a great opportunity to participate in, and learn from regulators and experts in the insolvency field. The conference offers an exceptional opportunity to engage with other insolvency regulators, to compare and learn from shared experiences, and to come together to find innovative solutions for common problems faced.

The conference will be held at the **Kerry Hotel**, which is located at Hung Hom Bay, Kowloon, overlooking the breath-taking Victoria Harbour and the Hong Kong Island skyline. It is moments away from the Tsim Sha Tsui East shopping area, and is easily accessed by various modes of transportation including the ferry and MTR.

The conference will be hosted by the Official Receiver's Office, of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and will be sponsored by the Companies Registry.







## Agenda

### Day 1 – Monday, 2 November 2020

- 17:00 – 18:00      Executive Committee Meeting  
*Venue: Kerry Hotel – Hung Hom Room 6 – Level 1*  
(Executive Committee only)  
Registration also available at Hung Hom Room 6
- 18:00 – 20:00      Welcome Drinks Reception  
*Venue: Kerry Hotel – Harbour Room & Harbour Terrace – Level 4*

### Day 2 – Tuesday, 3 November 2020

- 8:30 – 9:15      Registration / Morning Tea / Coffee / Networking  
*Venue: Kerry Hotel – Hung Hom Room 5 & 6 – Level 1*
- 9:15 – 9:25      Welcome and Introductions      Ms Phyllis McKenna –  
Official Receiver,  
HKSAR Government
- 9:25 – 9:45      Keynote Speech      Mr Paul Chan, GBM, GBS,  
MH, JP – Financial Secretary,  
HKSAR Government



9:45 – 11:00	<b>Session 1 – Plenary</b> Round Table – Member Updates: An opportunity for all member countries to update delegates on their key achievements since the last conference and the challenges facing them in the next year	
11:00 – 11:30	Morning Break and Formal Group Photo	
11:30 – 12:15	<b>Session 2 – Plenary</b> Collapse of a Global Travel Group – The Thomas Cook Story	Mr Dean Beale – Chief Executive, UK Insolvency Service
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 – 14:15	<b>Session 3 – Plenary Panel</b> Cross Border Within Borders – The Mainland / Hong Kong Special Co-operation	The Honourable Mr Justice Jonathan Harris – Judge of the Court of First Instance, HKSAR  The Honourable Judge Wang Fang – Judge of the Shenzhen Intermediate Court of the People’s Republic of China  Facilitator: Local SC / (Dr William Wong) [TBA]





14:15 – 15:00

## **Session 4 – Workshops**

### **Personal Insolvency Stream**

Robotic Processing Automation  
(RPA) for Bankrupts

Mr Boon Heng Tan –  
Official Assignee and Public  
Trustee, Singapore

### **Corporate Insolvency Stream**

Development of a Highly Simplified  
Corporate Liquidation Process

Mr Conor O'Mahony –  
Head of Insolvency,  
Office of the Director of  
Corporate Enforcement,  
Ireland

15:00 – 15:15

Afternoon Break / Networking

15:15 – 16:00

## **Session 5 – Workshops**

### **Towards Compliance (1)**

Use of Artificial Intelligence to  
Support Debtor Compliance

Ms Elisabeth Lang –  
Superintendent of  
Bankruptcy, Canada

### **Towards Compliance (2)**

Debtor Applications for Insolvency  
During COVID-19 Lockdown

Mr Russell Fildes –  
Regional Manager, New  
Zealand Insolvency and  
Trustee Service

16:00 – 16:30

## **Session 6 – Plenary**

Measuring Economic Gain From  
Insolvency

Dr M S Sahoo –  
Chairperson, Insolvency and  
Bankruptcy Board of India





16:30 – 17:00	<b>Session 7 – Plenary</b> Technology Development – Expectation of Regulators	Mr Stewart McLeod, Insol 6, Australia
17:00	Closing Remarks	Ms Phyllis McKenna
19:00 – 22:00	Formal Dinner – Chinese Banquet <i>Venue: Kerry Hotel – Harbour Room &amp; Harbour Terrace – Level 4</i>	

## Day 3 – Wednesday, 4 November 2020

8:45 – 9:15	Morning Tea / Coffee / Networking	
9:15	Welcome	Ms Phyllis McKenna
9:15 – 9:45	<b>Session 8 – Plenary</b> A New Alternative for Reorganizing Small Businesses	Ms Ramona Elliot – Deputy Director / General Counsel, United States Trustee Program







9:45 – 10:15	<b>Session 9 – Plenary</b> IMF Update – Data Collection by Regulators	Ms Anjum Rosha – Insolvency Working Group, IMF
10:15 – 11:15	<b>Session 10 – Plenary</b> <b>IP Regulation</b> (1) Results of UK Call For Evidence	Mr Dean Beale
	(2) Strengthening Oversight of IPs In Poland	Judge Emil Szczepanik – Chief Specialist Judge, Ministry of Justice, Poland
11:15 – 11:45	Morning Break / Networking	
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Session 11 – Plenary</b> Risks and Harms for Insolvency Regulators Flowing From COVID-19	Mr Hamish McCormick – Chief Executive and Inspector-General in Bankruptcy, Australian Financial Security Authority
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	



13:30 – 14:30

## **Session 12 – Workshops**

### **Workshop 1**

Challenges and options where the Insolvency Regulator is required to act as an Office Holder

Mr Mustapher Ntale –  
Director Insolvency and  
Receivership, Uganda  
Registration Services Bureau

### **Workshop 2**

The Trend Towards Debtor-in-Possession (DIP) – A Panel  
Conversation US / UK / Singapore /  
India

Ms Ramona Elliot, Mr Dean  
Beale / Mr Boon Heng Tan / Dr  
M S Sahoo (or Mr Saji Kumar) /  
Mr Dean Beale - as chair

14:30 – 15:15

## **Session 13 – Workshops**

### **Workshop 1**

Regulators Experiences – COVID-19

Dr Richard Dennis –  
Chief Executive, Accountant in  
Bankruptcy, Scotland

### **Workshop 2**

Practical aspects of dealing with  
mental well being for all  
stakeholders in the insolvency  
process

Ms Elaine Millar –  
Viscount, Viscount's  
Department, Royal Court of  
Jersey

Mr Paul Shaw –  
National Manager, Regulation  
and Enforcement, Australian  
Financial Security Authority







15:15 – 15:30 Afternoon Break / Networking

**15:30 – 16:00 Session 14 – Plenary**

UNCITRAL – Developments on the Three Model Laws (MLCBI, MLII and MLEG)	Ms Kate Lannan Senior Legal Officer & Secretary Working Group V (Insolvency Law), UNCITRAL
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**16:00 – 17:00 IAIR General Meeting**  
(IAIR Members only, non-IAIR members have a free session)

**18:30 – 22:00 Informal Dinner** (to be arranged)  
Ferry (or MTR) to Central for dinner at Tai Kwun

## Day 4 – Thursday, 5 November 2020

8:45 – 9:15 Morning Tea / Coffee / Networking

9:15	Remarks by Chair	Ms Phyllis McKenna
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**9:15 – 9:45 Session 15 – Plenary**

World Bank Update	Ms Nina Pavlova Mocheva – Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank Group
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9:45 – 10:30

**Session 16 – Plenary**

IAIR Project Developments and Updates:

(1) Diversity

Mr Paul Shaw

(2) Holding Directors to Account

Mr Conor O'Mahony

10:30 – 11:00

**Session 17 – Plenary**

Implementing a New Insolvency  
Regime

Ms Karen Seebaran-Blondet –  
Supervisor of Insolvency,  
Trinidad and Tobago

11:00 – 11:15

Morning Tea / Networking

11:15 – 12:00

**Session 18 – Plenary**

UNCITRAL – Update on New  
Projects

Ms Kate Lannan







12:00 – 12:30

**Session 19 – Plenary**

Technology Development – What does the future Insolvency Practitioner of 2025 and beyond look like as we consider the impact of digital transformation across every sector and profession

Ms Toni Van Der Kreek –  
CORE IPS, Australia

12:30 – 13:00

Handover to new IAIR Chair:  
Presentation by IAIR 2021 HOST

Ms Helena Kontkanen –  
Bankruptcy Ombudsman,  
Office of the Bankruptcy  
Ombudsman, Finland

Formal Handing Over of the IAIR  
Flag to Finland, Host of the 2021  
IAIR Conference

Ms Phyllis McKenna

Formal Closing of the Conference

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch



# Conference Terms & Conditions

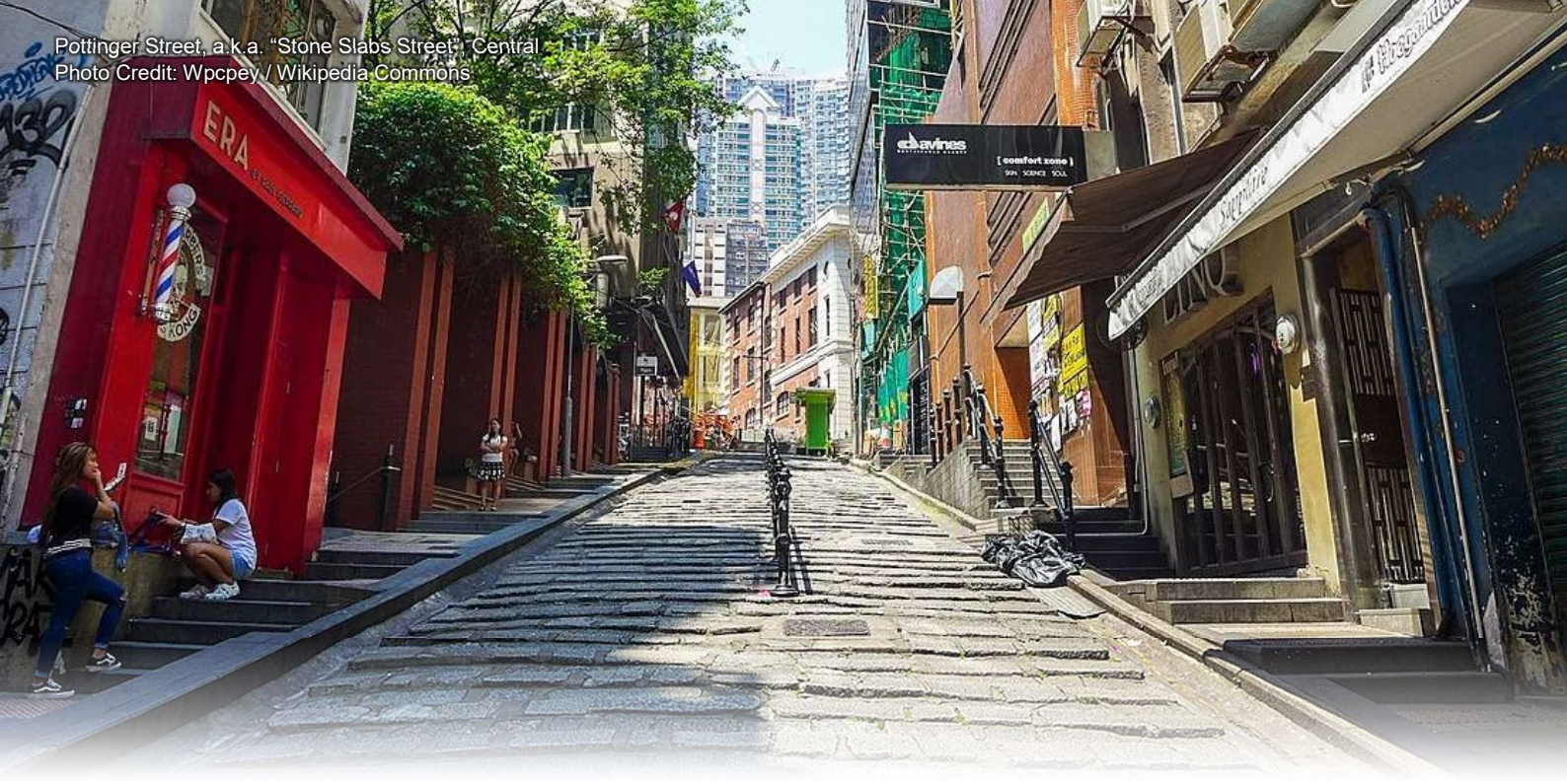
## Conference Attendance

Non-members may attend the IAIR conference only by invitation or agreement of the IAIR Executive Committee. We welcome people who would be eligible to be members, to come along to and attend our conference as a non-member to help them to learn more about our association before joining. If you are thinking about joining IAIR, this may be an ideal opportunity for you to learn more about us and what benefits membership could bring you. However, to be eligible to be an IAIR member you must be a government employed national insolvency representative from a Government Department, Ministry, Agency or Public Authority which has responsibility in their country for one or more of:

- Insolvency Policy and Legislation
- Insolvency Practice and Administration
- Insolvency Regulation







## Delegate/Registration Fee

The conference registration/delegate fee covers three days attendance at the conference, conference refreshments and lunches, the welcome reception and the formal dinner. In some circumstances, it can also include the informal dinner, though there may be a small additional charge for this. Please note it does not include your accommodation which you must book directly yourself and arrange payment directly with the hotel.

### 2020 Delegate /Registration Fees:

- IAIR Member Registration Fee (£430)
- Non-Member Registration Fee (£650)
- Accompanying Person Fee (£100)
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Non-members have observer status only at the Annual General Meeting.

## Accompanying Person

The accompanying person registration fee covers attendance at the welcome reception, the formal dinner and in some circumstances the informal dinner. Sometimes there is a small additional charge for the informal dinner. Registered accompanying persons attending the social functions must be aged 21 or over and are defined as a participant's spouse or other personal relation who does not have a business interest in the conference. An accompanying person does not have access to the conference. Please note the fee does not include their accommodation which must be booked and paid directly with the hotel.



## Payment & Refunds

Please note that your conference registration will only be confirmed in writing when full payment has been received and processed. Where a delegate cancels, individual circumstances will be considered but, the following refund and cancellation policy generally applies:

- Cancel more than 4 weeks prior to conference – 75% refund
- Cancel 4 weeks or less prior to conference – no refund issued as the host country will have committed to your place with the conference venues.

The appropriate refunds will be made after the conference has taken place. Delegate substitutions within organizations are permitted. Substitutions may be made at no charge up until one week before the conference.

## Delegate Information

IAIR takes your privacy seriously. We will retain and use your personal data to provide you with information on our services. Your name, job title, organization name, country and email address will only be distributed to fellow conference attendees.





## Visas and Immigration Matters

In general, all visitors to Hong Kong must have a passport that is valid for at least one month after the period of their intended stay in Hong Kong. Nationals of most countries do not require a visa to enter Hong Kong for visit and can stay for periods varying from 7 to 180 days, depending on nationality. If you're unsure of your status, please check with any Chinese embassy or consulate. You can also find further details about visa requirements on the Immigration Department website:

<https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/visit-transit/visit-visa-entry-permit.html>.

## Travel and Health Insurance

Delegates and accompanying persons are reminded that it is their responsibility to arrange travel and health insurance for the duration of their visit to the conference. IAIR shall not be responsible for, and shall be exempt from, all liability in respect of any loss, damage, injury, accident, delay or inconvenience to any person during the conference.







## Accommodation

The conference hotel is the Kerry Hotel, Hong Kong. Delegates are encouraged to stay at the Kerry Hotel and the Hotel has offered to provide Deluxe City View Rooms to our delegates on a first come, first served basis at a cost of **HK\$2,100 per night**.

To take advantage of this offer, please book via the following link:-

[http://www.shangri-la.com/reservations/booking/en/index.aspx?hid=KHHK&group\\_code=OFF021120&check\\_in=20201031&check\\_out=20201107](http://www.shangri-la.com/reservations/booking/en/index.aspx?hid=KHHK&group_code=OFF021120&check_in=20201031&check_out=20201107)

Please note the default dates for the booking link are 31.10.2020 – 7.11.2020, and delegates may modify the dates to suit their travelling plans. Please ensure the group code “**OFF021120**” is in place so that the preferred rate can be enjoyed. Just click “Search” to proceed after you have entered the details of your travel plan.

Alternatively, delegates can make their bookings directly on the Hotel’s website using the Group Code:

- 1) Visit the Hotel website (<https://www.shangri-la.com/hongkong/kerry/>)
- 2) Select the appropriate hotel and enter all the necessary stay requirements: check-in date, check-out date, the number of rooms, adults and children
- 3) Under the "Corporate / Special Rate" field in the “Special Code” Area, select "Group" and enter the Group Code - **OFF021120**
- 4) Click the “Search” button to continue.
- 5) If all the search criteria are correct and rooms are still available for the group, the group rate will be returned in the availability search result. Please follow the on-screen instructions to complete the online booking.

## Airport Connection

Delegates could travel to the Hotel by the Airport Express and alight at Kowloon Station. A shuttle bus (route number K1), is available from Kowloon Station to the Hotel. The details of the Shuttle Bus K1 could be found at the following website:

[http://www.mtr.com.hk/en/customer/services/complom\\_free\\_bus.html/](http://www.mtr.com.hk/en/customer/services/complom_free_bus.html/)

For alternative modes of transportation to the Hotel, please refer to the website:

<http://www.shangri-la.com/hongkong/kerry/about/map-directions/>



## Evening Events

As with previous years, the conference organizers have arranged both a formal and informal dinner for conference delegates and all are most welcome to attend.

The formal dinner will be held at the Kerry Hotel. With views over Victoria Harbour and Hong Kong Island, a contemporary Cantonese banquet menu will be served, within a setting that take guests back to the historical heritage of Hung Hom.



[The informal dinner will be held in The Chinese Library, which is a restaurant serving modern cuisine in Tai Kwun. Tai Kwun is the restored Central Police Station compound, one of the most significant revitalisation projects in Hong Kong, comprising three declared monuments—the former Central Police Station, Central Magistracy and Victoria Prison. The Chinese Library serves Hong Kong's favorite dishes in colonial elegance on the top floor of the old Central Police Station. Delegates will have the option to travel across the beautiful Victoria Harbour by a junk/ ferry from the Kerry Hotel to Central Pier, and arrive at the Chinese Library either by a short bus ride, or alternatively opt for short walk through a cross section of Central Hong Kong with the assistance of one of the world's longest functional escalators.]

