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Saturday 14 July

19.00: Chairman's Reception at the White Hall Hotel, 2-5 Montague Street, WC1

Sunday 15 July

09.00: Welcome and Introductions

09.15-12.45: Annual General Meeting (with coffee/tea around 10.45)

- Chairman's Fifth Annual Report 2000-01 (draft attached)
- Membership and Contacts
- Financial Report 2000-01 (to be circulated at Meeting)
- Strategic Direction Paper (attached)
- Membership fee 2001-02 (current fee US\$300)
- Appointment of Executive Committee 2001-03 and
- Chairman and Secretariat
- Any Other Business
 Draft Brochure (to be circulated at Meeting)

12.45-13.45: Lunch

13.45-15.15: International Initiatives

- Presentation by Tienie Cronje of the South African Law Commission
- Discussion of UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency, EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings, World Bank "Effective Insolvency and Creditor Rights Systems" and other initiatives

15.15-15.45: Tea/Coffee

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15.45-17.00: Regulation

- Presentations by Jorge Pinzon of Colombia and Anna Fridlund of Sweden about their newly established regulatory/supervisory systems
- Paper from Terry Gallagher of Australia on "Regulation of the Australian Personal Insolvency System"
- Discussion of regulatory issues in other jurisdictions

17.00: Close

18.30: Coach leaves White Hall Hotel for Tower Bridge. We will have access to the Engine Room for drinks and crudities and a tour at 19.15 which should leave time on arrival there for photographs of and around the Bridge. Dinner will start at 20.15

Monday 16 July

09.00: Photograph (which should be available later in the day)

09.30-12.30: Insolvency Reform (with coffee/tea around 10.45)

- Presentations by Terry Gallagher of Australia and A Ramaswamy of India
- Papers from Marc Mayrand of Canada "Personal Insolvency Task Force", Desmond Flynn of England on "The Enterprise Bill" and Terry Gallagher of Australia on "Bankruptcy Activity in Australia 2000-01" and the rise of Consumer Bankruptcies
- Discussion of reform issues in other jurisdictions

12.30-13.30: Lunch

13.30-16.15: Operational Issues (with tea/coffee around 14.45)

- Presentation by Sarjit Singh of Singapore on "The Singapore Experience"
- Paper from Stephen Woodhouse of Scotland on evidence-based policy
- Presentation from Lynn Saunders of New Zealand on "Electronic File Management and E-Government"
- Discussion of operational issues in other jurisdictions



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16.15-16.30: Summing up, Venue for 2002 and Conclusion

17.30: Coach leaves the White Hall Hotel for Lancaster House. We will be joined at the Ministerial Reception by around 300 members of INSOL attending the World Congress. We (that is the Regulators) will move downstairs for the Ministerial Dinner at 19.45.

Tuesday 17 July

09.00-12.15: The Insolvency Service at 21 Bloomsbury Street (with coffee/tea around 10.30)

• See attached sheet setting out the morning's proceedings.

12.15: Coach leaves 21 Bloomsbury Street for the Bridge Restaurant (for accompanying persons 21 Bloomsbury Street is about a 10 minute walk from the White Hall Hotel just the other side of the British Museum: if you are travelling directly to the Restaurant from some sightseeing around London, we will provide a directions).

13.00: Lunch at the Bridge Restaurant, 1 Paul's Walk, London, EC4V 3QQ. Telephone: 020 7236 0000.

15.00: Conclusion of Lunch...and the rest of the afternoon is yours.

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International Association of Insolvency Regulators: 17 July 2001

We have now settled the programme for the IAIR visit to 21 Bloomsbury Street on **Tuesday 17 July** (am).

08.40: Leave White Hall Hotel to walk to 21 Bloomsbury Street

09.00: Benchmarking

Les Cramp, Deputy Inspector General & Senior Official Receiver

10.30: Coffee/Tea

11.00: Forensic Insolvency Recovery Service (FIRS)*

and

Pilot contracting out of disqualification investigation work

Patrick Chillery, Director of Enforcement

12.00: Conclusion

12.15: Coach leaves 21 Bloomsbury Street for The Bridge Restaurant

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*FIRS: Current insolvency legislation allows directors of failed companies to be pursued in the courts for recovery of monies where there has been negligence, misconduct or misappropriation of assets. However, all too often actions are not pursued by the liquidator because of lack of funding. Under this civil recovery scheme, The Service and a team of private sector insolvency specialists, known as the Forensic Insolvency Recovery Service, have been working together to identify suitable cases to take legal action using a special cost structure which ensures that the funding requirement is kept to a minimum and based on a no win no fee basis. The pilot scheme involves only those case where the directors have been disqualified; and expects to see recoveries and returns to creditors which would not otherwise have been achievable. Patrick Chillery will discuss why and how the scheme was set up; what types of cases have been involved; the arrangements between The Service and FIRS; and when we might expect to see the first results.