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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 22 May 2019 at 5.30pm

Each year the LIDC examines two topical questions concerning competition law and IP/unfair competition law. The two questions are then the focus of discussions at the annual LIDC Congress with a view to adopting resolutions in the areas concerned.

This year the competition law question relates to the extent to which competition law should be concerned with differences in prices, terms and conditions or quality offered by suppliers to different purchasers. The IP question explores whether there should be restrictions on the ability of persons who claim to hold IP rights that may have been infringed to bring, or threaten to bring, legal proceedings against competitors or others. Further details of the two questions that are to be discussed at the forthcoming LIDC Congress in Paris, between 7 and 10 November 2019, are set out below.

We are delighted to announce that Sylwester Frazzoni, PaRR Global (competition law), and Christopher Stothers, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (IP), have each agreed to act as UK National Rapporteurs on this year's questions.

We shall be holding the evening workshop on **Wednesday 22 May at Wiggin LLP, 9th Floor, Met Building, 22 Percy Street, London W1T 2BU** to seek Members' contributions and comments on the draft UK reports prepared by our National Rapporteurs. The working session will begin at **5.30pm** 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 attendance at the workshop for members. However, there is a charge for non-members: £50, or £35 (full time academic/public sector employees), or £10 (students, trainees, pupil barristers). Registrations can be completed and paid for on-line.

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.

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Members should please visit the 'new events' section of our website at:
<https://www.competitionlawassociation.org.uk/newevents.htm> to register their attendance.

Please note that online registration will close on Tuesday 21 May. Tickets will not be issued.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary

LIDC CONGRESS 2019 – PARIS QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Competition Law Question:

To what extent should competition law be concerned with differences in prices, terms and conditions, or quality offered by suppliers to different purchasers?

IP Question:

Should there be legal restrictions on the ability of persons who claim, without sufficient justification, to hold IP rights that have been infringed to bring, or to threaten to bring, legal proceedings based on such claims against their competitors or others?

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