



Competition Law Association

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Dear Member

LIDC Questions Workshop: 13 June 2017 at 6pm

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 (QA) relates to competition and anti-trust issues in relation to online sales platforms and the IP/unfair competition question (QB) considers the concept of 'fair use' in the context of copyright law. Further details of the two questions that are to be discussed at the forthcoming LIDC Congress in Rio De Janeiro between 5-8 October 2017 are set out below.

We are delighted to announce that Vineet Budhiraja, Watson Farley & Williams LLP (QA) and Dr Eleonora Rosati, University of Southampton (QB) have each agreed to act as UK National Reporter on this year's questions.

We shall be holding an evening workshop on **Tuesday 13 June** at **Redd Solicitors LLP, 22 Tudor Street, London EC4Y 0AY** to seek Members' contributions and comments on the draft UK reports prepared by our National Reporters. The working session will begin at **6.00pm** 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 (student, 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 our website at www.competitionlawassociation.org.uk to register attendance and to renew membership if you have not already done so. Please note that on-line registration will close on Monday 12 June. Tickets will not be issued.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary

LIDC CONGRESS 2017 – RIO DE JANEIRO QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Question A:

What are the major competition/anti-trust issues generated by the growth of online sales platforms, and how should they be resolved?

Question B:

To what extent do current exclusions and limitations to copyright strike a fair balance between the rights of owners and fair use by private individuals and others?

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