

# NEWSLETTER



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## Members' News

### NEW ADMISSIONS

On **31 January**, Alec James Emmerson, Patrick Michael Mace Lane, Alan McMahon, Edwin Robert Parks and Edward James Quigg, and on **28 April**, Sidney Anthony George Abrahams, Elizabeth Jane Andrewartha, Peter Stanley Blincow and Dr Barbara Dian Wilson were admitted to the Freedom of the Company

### NEW LIVERYMEN

On **31 January**, Geraldine Marion Berg OBE, and on **28 April**, Michael Frederick Thomas Bowsler QC and Kenneth Donald McLean were admitted to the Livery

### IN MEMORIAM

On **20 April**, Past Master Donald Valentine

## Dates for your diary

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Beating Retreat at Horse Guards Parade preceded by Supper

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Election of Sheriffs at Guildhall followed by Lunch

Further details of all events, with details of how to book your place can be found in the Members' area on the company website, [www.arbitratorscompany.org](http://www.arbitratorscompany.org)

### A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

We were honoured at our Mansion House Banquet on 22 May 2014 by the presence of the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs and their respective consorts. Dame Elizabeth Gloster, Patron of CIArb London Branch, accompanied by her husband Sir Oliver Popplewell, replied to the Toast to the Guests. Freeman Jane Andrewartha of Clyde & Co, who hosted the Master's Lecture on 10 April 2014 (see overleaf), and Past Master Michael Stephens, President of the CIArb, were also amongst the official guests. There were 168 diners in all, and through the generosity of the Trustees and you, the members, I was delighted to be able to present a cheque in the sum of £10,000 to the Lord Mayor for her chosen Charities. This donation was an all time record for us, so very well done to all of you who support our Charitable Trust on a regular basis.

I am particularly pleased to report an upsurge of new recruits to the Company of late. We admitted five new Freemen at the January Court Meeting, and four at the April Court (see side panel for details). Very encouragingly, at present there are six candidates in the pipeline for admission in July; thanks to those of you who have been encouraging your friends and colleagues to join us. Please keep up the good work.

Looking back, I should like to express my thanks to Court Assistant Michael Cover and the Education Committee under his Chairmanship for their sterling work in putting on a very successful 4th Annual Mediation Competition last January. With a record entry of sixteen Universities, Nottingham Law School were the winners and London Metropolitan were runners up. The event was hosted by Linklaters, and was also sponsored by CIArb, ArbDB Chambers and our Charitable Trust, to all of whom I express my sincere thanks.

On 14 March we hosted a lunch at Mansion House, by kind permission of the Lord Mayor, for representatives of some twenty five private dispute resolution organisations based in London. The purpose of the lunch was to discuss mutual cooperation to maintain and promote London as the venue of choice for international private dispute resolution, which aspiration was warmly supported by all present.

I owe a particular debt of gratitude to Canon David Porter, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Director of Reconciliation at Lambeth Palace for his thought provoking Master's Lecture on 'Achieving Reconciliation within Society' (please see a video of the lecture in the Events and Activities section of our website, plus a report overleaf).

I am saddened to note the passing of Past Master Donald Valentine.

Finally, I regret to have to report the impending retirement of our Clerk of 17 years, Mrs Gaye Duffy, in August. Gaye will be a very hard act to follow. I should like to thank her for her dedicated and valuable service over the years, and wish her an enjoyable retirement.

Derek Ross, Master

## Volunteers Wanted

The Master is keen to find a Liaison Officer for HMS Mersey. Please email him at [derek.ross@btclick.com](mailto:derek.ross@btclick.com) if you are interested in fulfilling this role. There are also vacancies on the Fundraising Committee.

## Volunteering in Schools

Members who attended Common Hall will have heard short talks from Susan Ward, Head Teacher of Clara Grant Primary School in Bow, and Becky Feetham of Tower Hamlets Education and Business Partnership. There may well be members who would like to volunteer for educational programmes but understandably cannot commit to regular sessions during the working day. With that in mind, we have discussed with Tower Hamlets EBP activities that can take place after school hours and without the volunteer being tied to a regular day and time.

Two such schemes are for mentoring in business and languages. Volunteers are paired with a GCSE or A level student, whom they meet every three or four weeks, at a time convenient to both. The volunteer might support the student with revision, academic work, UCAS applications, interview skills or careers advice. The EBP has a Mentoring Project Manager who is happy to discuss this with prospective volunteers. There are further details at:

<http://thebp.org/programmes/business-mentoring/> and <http://thebp.org/programmes/language-mentoring/>

Any member interested in volunteering is welcome to contact Court Assistant David Steward at [david@davidsteward.eu](mailto:david@davidsteward.eu)

## Annual Master's Lecture at Clyde & Co: 10 April 2014

Our Annual Master's Lecture, on the topic of 'Achieving Reconciliation within Society', was held at Clyde & Co on Thursday 10 April 2014. The Lecture was given by Canon David Porter, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Director of Reconciliation at Lambeth Palace, who is a seasoned peace-builder, particularly in the context of Northern Ireland. His address ranged widely over the subject in the domestic and international arenas, with particular reference to the Belfast Agreement achieved 16 years ago, and the encouragement to be drawn from the extremely cordial Irish State visit taking place the same week in the UK. Poignantly, Canon Porter spoke on the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Belfast Agreement, dated 10 April 1998, and the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Baltic Exchange bomb six years earlier, on 10 April 1992.

Canon Porter related his experiences in Northern Ireland and elsewhere and emphasised the importance of parties in dispute taking responsibility for their own contributions to those disputes. He also touched on the more difficult and even more sensitive topics of forgiveness and contrition.

The capacity audience at the Sir Dennis Marshall Auditorium at Clyde & Co was welcomed by the Chairman of the firm, Michael Payton. Canon Porter was introduced and thanked by the Master, who commented: 'The event has exceeded all my expectations both from the level of interest shown by the audience and the profound effect that Canon Porter had on the audience whilst delivering his Lecture. We are also extremely grateful to Clyde & Co and Jane Andrewartha in particular for generously hosting this event and the reception afterwards'. A video of the Lecture is now available for viewing on the Events and Activities section of our website.

## Common Hall Elections on 28 April 2014

Professor John Uff CBE QC was elected Master Elect, and Michael Goodridge MBE and Matthew Bastone were elected Senior Warden Elect and Junior Warden Elect respectively. Margaret Bickford Smith QC, Martyn Bradish and Finola O'Farrell QC were elected to the Court of Assistants, and Lt Commander David Gillett RN, CO of HMS Mersey, and Major Sarah Garrett, CO of 13 Company ACF, were elected Honorary Freemen for the duration of their respective commands.

## XX1st Vis Moot in Vienna between 11-17 April 2014

The event was a huge success with 298 teams from 66 countries participating and, in all, more than 3,000 people (student participants, coaches, arbitrators, administrators and others) were involved. The quality of argument was high and the quality of the students very high, even in comparison to those of recent years. While the very best teams are, perhaps, comparable to their predecessors, the overall standard, at the 64-team cut-off, is, in the strong consensus opinion, rising steadily.

The 2013/14 Problem was based on a prospective (a major issue was as to whether the tribunal had jurisdiction at all) arbitration under the 2013 Rules of CEPANI, the leading Belgian arbitral institution.

The Elimination Round of 64 featured 25 nationalities with Australia (6 out of 10 entries) and Brazil (7 out of 16 entries) being outstandingly successful. After six days of legal jousting involving 559 arbitral hearings and 1,677 arbitral appointments, the Final Panel (Professor Dr Johan Erauw (Belgium), Professor Dr Ingeborg Schwenzer LL.M (Switzerland) and Christopher Lau SC Chartered Arbitrator (Singapore) heard a close-fought argument between Deakin University (Melbourne, representing the claimant) and National Law School of India (representing the respondent) in which Deakin very narrowly prevailed.

The Worshipful Company was well represented with a number of members in attendance as arbitrators and in some cases coaches, including Hew Dundas, Geoffrey Beresford Hartwell and Murray Armes. *Report by Hew Dundas*

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