2nd Mediterranean Conference

20–21 June 2012
Hotel Fira Palace, Barcelona, Spain

A conference presented by the IBA European Regional Forum and supported by the IBA Law Firm Management Committee

Topics include:

• Airports, water supply and other infrastructure in the Mediterranean, investment models and trends. The role of the lawyers in infrastructure projects
• The future of energies in the Mediterranean basin
• The role of private equity houses in the development of the economy in the Mediterranean region
• Technological clusters and patronage. The players, the non-profit and investors New models and formulas to attract investment
• The role of non-profit (foundations, trusts, universities, etc.) and investors in technological clusters and patronage
• Innovation and entrepreneurship in the practice of law

Who should attend?
Private practitioners and in-house counsel, jurists, business representatives, regulators, securities and banking lawyers interested in topics related to the development of investments and commercial relationships in the Mediterranean basin.

Keynote speaker
Professor Larbi Jaidi  The College of Law, University Mohamed V, Rabat

*As per the Solicitors Regulation Authority of England and Wales. The number of CPD points/CLE hours available may vary for other bar associations and law societies depending on their criteria.
Programme

Thursday 21 June

0900 – 0915 Welcome address
Claudio Doria

0915 – 0930 Keynote speaker
Professor Larbi Jaidi The College of Law, University Mohamed V, Rabat

0930 – 1100 Airports, water supply and other infrastructure projects in the Mediterranean
Investment models and legal trends. The role of the lawyers in the infrastructure project: selecting the law firm and interaction with the in-house consels.

Session Chairs
Claudio Doria
Hermann J Knott
Javier Valle
Speakers
Toni Barrios La Caixa, Barcelona
Jesus Castell La Caixa, Barcelona
Jose Maria de Paz General Counsel AGBAR Group, Barcelona
Lale Selamoglu Kaplan Chief legal counsel of International Sabiha Gokcen Airport, Istanbul
Nermine Tahoun Tahoun Law Firm & Consultations, Giza

1100 – 1215 The future of energies in the Mediterranean basin
Topics include:
- Oil and gas and nuclear energies: The effect of the Japanese, tsunami and the Arab Spring
- Investment in renewable energies, experiences and opportunities
- Current trends in project finance in the region

Session Chairs
Juan Ignacio Gonzalez Ruiz Uría Menéndez, Madrid
Manuel Silva Roca Junyent, Barcelona
Federico Roig Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira, Madrid
Speakers
Alberto Biancardi Italian Energy Authority, Rome
Josep Maria Guinart Spanish Energy Commission, Barcelona
Hulusi Kara Chair of Investment Directorate, Turkish Energy Market Regulatory Authority, Istanbul
Josep Enric Llebot Secretary of Environment and Sustainability of the Department of Territory and Sustainability of the Generalitat de Catalunya, Barcelona

Wednesday 20 June

1930 – 2030 Welcome reception
Barcelona Bar Association
Pati de Columnes, Mallorca, 283

Guests must enter by the main building, Palauet Casades (corner Mallorca/Roger de Llúria streets)
The reception is open to all delegates and registered guests. Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to attend.

Introductory address
The Dean of the Barcelona Bar Association

Welcome speech
Mario Rubert Barcelona City Council

Associate social event sponsor

Conference dinner sponsor

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Osborne Clarke
1215 – 1230 Coffee/tea break

1230 – 1400 The role of private equity houses in the development of the economy in the Mediterranean region
This session will explore private equity houses as one of the drivers for development of the private economy. Opportunities and proven cases will be discussed in this session.

Session Chairs
Alejandro Payá
Silvia Sorribas Garrigues, Barcelona
Sidika Baysal Hatipoglu

Speakers
Albert Alsina Fons Mediterrànea, Barcelona
Borja Martinez Apax Partners, Barcelona
Mario Pardo The Carlyle Group, Barcelona
Agustin Pla 3i Group, Barcelona
Miguel Zurita Mercapital, Madrid

1400 – 1530 Lunch

1530 – 1715 Technological clusters and patronage
Who are the relevant players (universities, companies, administrations, start-ups) and how do they interact. The role of non-profit (foundations, trusts, universities) and investors. New business models and new formulas to attract investments.

Session Chairs
Mario Ferrari
Monica Weimann
David Miranda

Speakers
Prof Fernando Albericio University of Barcelona
Eugenia Bieto General Manager Esade, Ramon LLull University, Barcelona
Prof Marco Cantamessa Head of the i3P Incubator of Politecnico di Torino, Turin
María Garaña President, Microsoft Ibérica SRL, Madrid
Manuel Matés Entrepreneur, business angel and founder of Necotium, Barcelona
Ramón Ollé Chairman, La Salle Business Engineering School, Barcelona
Marco Scamuzzi General Manager, INGENIA, Barcelona
Sercan Sevim CEO, Medianova AS, Istanbul

1715 – 1730 Coffee/tea break

1730 – 1920 Innovation and entrepreneurship in the practice of law
• What do we mean by innovation and what are some of its different manifestations? Transformative value to the client’s business and transformative value to the law firm or department itself.
• The crisis and the specific situation of the region. Why things are changing and must change at an even greater pace if we are going to survive and prosper.
• Armchair discussion with innovation leaders. Listen to some of the people who not only have dedicated much thought to innovation but whose law departments or firms are leading the way with innovative and entrepreneurial solutions and processes.

Session Chairs
Charles Coward
Carlos Valls Member of the Board and Co-President of the Prospectives Commission of the Barcelona Bar Association, Barcelona; Treasurer, IBA International Sales Committee

Speakers
Ramón Novo Cabrera Vestas Mediterranean, Madrid
Iñigo Guerra General Counsel, Bankinter, Madrid
Moray McLaren Iberian Legal Group, Madrid
Francesco Portolano Portolano Cavallo Studio Legale, Milan

1920 – 1930 Closing speech

2100 Conference dinner
Restaurant La Font del Gat
The Restaurant La Font del Gat is located in the middle of Barcelona’s Montjuic Park, serving original cuisine.
Ticket price: €83.90
Social event ticket reservations cannot be guaranteed unless payment has been received before 5 June.
Subject to availability.
Transport will not be provided.
Friday 22 June

Optional “Barcelona Smart City Tour”
Barcelona City Council is kindly offering to registered delegates a free Barcelona Smart City Tour. Join us to discover why Barcelona is a Smart City pioneer, leading innovative and sustainable initiatives for a better quality of life. You will visit the most fascinating and interesting areas of the city all around the 22@Barcelona, the project that is transforming two hundred hectares of industrial land into an innovative district.

To obtain more information and registration please visit: www.barcelonactiva.cat/smartour. Subject to availability.

The International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI)

The International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI), established in 1995, has become a leading global force in human rights, working to promote and protect the independence of the judiciary and the ability of lawyers to practice freely and without interference under a just rule of law. The IBAHRI runs training programmes and workshops, capacity building projects with bar associations, fact-finding missions, trial observations; issues regular reports and press releases disseminated widely to UN bodies, international governmental and non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders; and undertakes many other projects working towards its objectives.

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Alternatively, email us at hri@int-bar.org.

Our work around the world

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Continuing Professional Development /Continuing Legal Education

For delegates from countries where CPD/CLE is mandatory, the International Bar Association will be pleased to provide a Conference Certificate of Attendance which, subject to the exact CPD/CLE requirements, may be used to obtain the equivalent accreditation in your jurisdiction.

This conference has been accredited for CPD/CLE by the Solicitors Regulation Authority of England and Wales. Delegates should ask staff at the registration desk for information as to how to obtain the hours.

The organisers may at any time, with or without giving notice, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason, cancel or postpone the conference, change its venue or any of the other published particulars, or withdraw any invitation to attend. In any case, neither the organisers nor any of their officers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be liable for any loss, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by any person, nor will they return any money paid to them in connection with the conference unless they are satisfied not only that the money in question remains under their control but also that the person who paid it has been unfairly prejudiced (as to which, decision shall be in their sole and unfettered discretion and, when announced, final and conclusive).
Information

Date
20–21 June 2012

Venue
Hotel Fira Palace
Avda Rius Taulet 1-3
Barcelona 08004
Tel: +34 934 262 223
Fax: +34 934 248 679
E-mail: reception@fira-palace.com

Language
All working sessions and conference materials will be in English.

How to register
Register online by 15 June at www.ibanet.org/conferences/conf424.aspx and make payment by credit card, to avail of the ten per cent online registration discount or complete the attached registration form and return it to Philippa Burke at the IBA together with your payment. You should receive e-mailed confirmation of your registration within five days, if you do not then please contact Philippa Burke at philippa.burke@int-bar.org.

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After 15 June 2012 registrations must be received in hard copy at the IBA office.

* By paying the non-member fee, we welcome you as a delegate member of the IBA for the year in which this conference is held, which entitles you to the following benefits:
1) Password access to certain parts of the IBA website.
2) Receipt of IBA E-news and access to online versions of IBA Global Insight.
3) Pay the member rate for any subsequent conference registrations for this calendar year.
4) Take advantage of IBA Special Offers.

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The IBA offers senior lawyers a discounted registration fee. Please contact the IBA office for further information.

Full payment must be received in order to process your registration.

Fees include:
• Attendance at all working sessions
• Conference materials, including any available speakers’ papers submitted to the IBA before 8 June
• Access to the above conference working materials from the IBA website (www.ibanet.org) approximately seven days prior to the conference
• Lunch on 21 June
• Tea and coffee during breaks
• Invitation to hosted welcome reception on 20 June

Please note that registrations are not transferable.

Guest fees include:
• Invitation to hosted welcome reception on 20 June

Guests are not entitled to attend the working sessions. No member of the legal profession may be registered as a guest. Only registered guests (ie, those paying the guest fee) are eligible to participate in the social programme.

List of participants
In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, which will be distributed at the conference, your registration form must be received by 15 June at the latest.

Registration confirmation
All documentation regarding your attendance at the conference can now be obtained from the IBA website. Upon receipt of your payment for the conference a confirmation e-mail will be sent containing instructions on how to download the documents. Registration confirmation will not be distributed by post.
Payment of registration fees
Euro: by cheque or bank draft, drawn on a euro zone bank and converted at the current rate of exchange and in favour of the International Bar Association. OR by bank transfer to the IBA bank account number 550/00/06570631 (Sort Code 56-00-03) at the National Westminster Bank, St James’s & Piccadilly Branch, 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom or SWIFT address NWBKGB2L, IBAN GB58NWBK60721106570631. Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form.

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PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR NAME AND ‘CON424BARCELONA’ APPEAR ON ANY TRANSFER OR DRAFT.

Hotel accommodation
A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the Hotel Fira Palace for the nights of 20 and 21 June inclusive:

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Fax: +34 934 248 679
E-mail: reception@fira-palace.com

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Single room: €135
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Please complete the attached accommodation form and send it direct to the hotel to make your reservation. The hotel requires a credit card number to secure your reservation.

Cancellations may be made up till 7 May without penalty. After this date a cancellation fee of 100 per cent will be charged to the individual guest’s credit card given at the time of booking.

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Delegates are responsible for making accommodation reservations directly with the hotel and entering into an agreement with the hotel regarding credit card guarantees, cancellation terms and conditions, and room rates (should these differ from the special IBA rate). The IBA cannot accept responsibility for hotel accommodation disputes between a delegate and the hotel.

Disabled access
The Hotel Fira Palace is wheelchair accessible. Please notify us if you require special assistance.

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Please note that no individual or organisation may display or distribute publicity material or other printed matter during the conference, unless by prior arrangement with the IBA. Organisations and companies wishing to discuss promotional opportunities should contact the Sponsorship Department at the IBA (sponsorship@int-bar.org).

Social programme
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2100 Thursday 21 June
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Restaurant La Font del Gat
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Registration form

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Personal details (Please attach your business card or write in block capitals)

Title _____________  Given name _________________________________________ Family name _________________________________________________

Name and country to be shown on badge (if different from above) _________________________________________________________________

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Guest name ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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Special dietary requirements _________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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Social functions

Wednesday 20 June
Hosted welcome reception

Thursday 21 June
Conference dinner

Number of tickets x ______________  €83.90

One dinner ticket for each delegate and registered guest is permitted.
Social function ticket reservations are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed unless payment has been received before 15 June.

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Accommodation form

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BOOKING FORM
SUBMIT THIS FORM (one form per room) By Fax: +34 934 255 047 By E-mail: groups@fira-palace.com

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| Company Name |
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| City |
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SPECIAL EVENT Rates Up to 7 May 2012

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Special Event Bookings Cancellation Policy

Rooms cancelled before 7 May will have no penalty. 29 days before the arrival date the total room nights reserved at that moment will be considered as guaranteed and will be charged in its totally against your credit card number. Please also be advised that your reservation will be hold overnight and is guaranteed for late arrival.

DEPOSIT & PAYMENT INFORMATION

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GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The guest acknowledges joint and several liability for all services rendered until full settlement of the bill. Management takes no responsibility for valuables left in the guest room.
- Check in time is 3:00 pm – Check out time is 12:00 noon.
- Personal cheques are not accepted.
- We kindly inform you that the Event Organiser will have access to your booking details such as arrival date, departure date, and guest name.
- Please be informed, that your reservation can only be processed if your credit card details are added at this page or a deposit payment (for the total nights of your stay at the above mentioned room rate) is done via bank-transfer. Once your reservation is processed, the confirmation will be sent by fax or e-mail.
- No phone reservations will be accepted.
- Reservation will be automatically cancelled at the hotel’s discretion without prior notice if found the credit card submitted is invalid.
- We cannot guarantee availability for reservations made later than 7 May 2012 reservations only can be confirmed upon availability.
- We also cannot guarantee availability and rates if the contracted room block is filled in earlier than 7 May 2012.

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(to be filled by the Guest only)

With pleasure we confirm your reservation
(to be filled by FIRA PALACE HOTEL only)

First & Family Name
Date

First & Family Name
Date
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International capital markets and loans practice | July 2012
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International business organisations | July 2012
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- More than 180 working sessions covering all areas of practice relevant to international legal practitioners
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**IBA European Regional Forum overview**

The European Regional Forum was established in 1989 to provide a focus originally on the work undertaken by the IBA in developing the practice under changing legal systems of lawyers in Eastern and Central Europe. The Forum was also intended to act as a channel for IBA communication with the bar associations of these local lawyers.

Since 2004 the Forum has been developing and strengthening the existence of the IBA within the whole of Europe by promoting the goals of the IBA to members, non-members and others, disseminating professional know-how, and assisting the committees and other constituencies of the IBA to increase their presence in the different sub-regions of Europe, including parts of North Africa and the Middle East.

The goals of the Forum include addressing current and long-term needs of professional organisations and individual members within the geographical reach of the Forum, as well as increasing membership and participation in the IBA and integrating them within the organisation. The Forum will also facilitate cross-border activity between lawyers and bars in different European countries. The Forum has a particular focus on cross-disciplinary activities.

The forum seeks to facilitate relevant networking and information/experience sharing opportunities and encompasses the social and collegial interests of both members and potential members with other regional fora, the Corporate Counsel Forum and the Young Lawyers Committee and all LPD committees in general.

At present the European Regional Forum has 7,700 members and its numbers continue to increase as it becomes one of the most integrated and dynamic fora of the IBA.

**IBA Law Firm Management Committee overview**

In the highly competitive and demanding environment where ever increasing pressures are being felt in the practice of law, every lawyer – whether a partner or not, whether performing a specific management responsibility or not – must be prepared to meet these challenges. The Law Firm Management Committee provides lawyers with the practical tools that they need in order to enhance their practice, their business development skills and their management capabilities.

The Committee provides a forum for informative, practical and relevant programmes, seminars, discussion forums and articles on all aspects of practice and law firm management for firms of all sizes.

The Committee also provides an outstanding opportunity for those with an interest in practice development and lawyer and law firm management to meet colleagues and industry experts from around the world, thereby benefiting from the exchange of experiences and knowledge. Committee members receive a copy of the IBA Law Firm Management Committee newsletter, which is a serious management ‘journal’ containing substantive articles on a wide range of contemporary issues dealing with practice development and lawyer and law firm management. It covers such topics as strategic planning, mergers, associations and networks, partner performance, reviews and remuneration, leadership, governance arrangements, organisational structures, profit enhancement and financial performance, people attraction, retention, management and development, as well as marketing and business development.

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