



BACFI QUARTERLY UPDATE: No 11. December 2012

NEWS

BACFI's 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held last Wednesday 5th December at City University's Princeton Street building, and was preceded as usual by **the AGM Address**. **Vice President Ros Wright, CB, QC** treated us to a lively half hour on Fraud, which also gained attendees a useful 0.5 CPD half point towards the annual CPD quota. We made a special presentation to retiring former Treasurer, Hon. Sec and Chairman of PISC (though not all at once) **Helen Fletcher Rogers**, who, along with Ros Wright, has been a member of BACFI since 1969 !

The Officers and General Committee retired - as did our **President Lord Hoffmann**, but as confidently anticipated, he was re-elected *nem con* !

Here are the new **2013 Officers and General Committee**:

Chairman: Lucinda Orr

Lucinda is an elected BC member and works in house for US law firm Skadden, Arps Meagher & Flom. She was called by Gray's Inn in 2006, has been an elected member of the Bar Council since 2008 and is also a member of COMBAR, YBC and the South Eastern Circuit. Lucinda read Modern History at Oxford. She has been Junior Vice Chairman of BACFI and a General Committee member.

Treasurer: William Sprigge

Hon Secretary: Simon Broomfield

Senior Vice Chairman: Tricia Howse

At the AGM we said thank you and farewell to Helen Fletcher Rogers, Esme Chandler, Rupert Macey-Dare, Brett Wilson and Ian Beeby, who did not stand for re-election. Helen and Esme will remain active, however, in relation to Pupillages and the LETR respectively; but Ian has gone to take Articles in the frozen North Midlands (a sad reflection on the state of pupillages). With Ian and Brett out of London, we will hope to pursue more regional initiatives in 2013. Christiane Valansot remains on the General Committee and as Events Co-ordinator.

The following were elected onto the **General Committee for 2013**:

Tahir Ashraf, Alexandria Carr, Hussain Khan, Lorinda Long, Narainadra Maharaj, Stephen Potts, Tim Reading, Sheila Richardson and Christiane Valansot. Officers are *ex officio* members.

Amongst our eminent **Vice Presidents** we said farewell to Austin Allison; but we re-elected everyone else, elected Christiane Valansot and – for special merit - Helen Fletcher Rogers. The list for 2013 is thus:

Stephen Bacon, Michael Blair, Nicholas Dee, Humphrey (Tim) Dugan, Helen Fletcher Rogers, Bernard Kelly, Sir Sydney Lipworth, Harry Mitchell, Michele Parnell, Christiane Valansot, Derek Wheatley and Ros Wright.

I moved on from the AGM the following day to the **annual Prizegiving at City University**. **The BACFI prize** for an outstanding BPTC Commercial Law paper went this year to Chantelle Staynings, who has already started pupillage with Erskine Chambers. Chantelle is a member of Gray's and a Christmas Miscellany stalwart. Chantelle wins a year's membership of BACFI as well as the prize, so we shall hope to see her at seminars in 2013.

RECENT EVENTS

The ever popular **Denning Lecture** was held in Inner Temple's splendid Georgian Hall on 19th November, and was followed by the BACFI Christmas drinks party. Sir Michael Briggs gave a stimulating review of the fascinating legal issues that have been involved in the Lehman Brothers London litigation. You can read the [Lecture](#) and see photos of BACFI events on: www.bacfi.org/past_events.htm.

Hardwicke Chambers kindly hosted a final autumn seminar on October 5th at which everything an in-house lawyer needs to know about EU lobbying was ably explained by Chris Parker of Microsoft, Hannah Gurga of ICAP plc and Jacqueline Mailly of Hogan Lovells. Professor Susan Nash of City University was in the chair for questions and contributions from the floor, which included useful information from Evanna Fruithof, the Bar Council's European Affairs Director in Brussels.

BAR COUNCIL Matters

Maura McGowan QC will be the 2013 Chairman of the Bar Council and her Vice Chairman will be **Nick Lavender QC**, former Chair of the Professional Practice Committee. **Treasurer Stephen Collier** (CEO of General Healthcare plc and BACFI member) has been getting to grips with the financials (see below) and has already taken a much needed – and tough - commercial approach to the figures. His style is refreshingly open and informal and he has been giving both the Council and General Management Committee a good deal more realistic information than we have enjoyed before. A painful 2013 budget was adopted at the Council meeting on 17th November and it is inevitable that PC fees will rise further next year, in addition to the levies.

The Bar Council has begun its search for a new Chief Executive, who will be appointed, it is hoped, by January 2013.

PROFESSIONAL ISSUES

Representation

BACFI has put in formal responses during the year to the BSB Code of Conduct and Handbook and the national Legal Education and Training Review. They can be found on the [website](#).

Education

CPD seminars: BACFI remains an accredited provider of CPD seminars and we will ensure that events in our [2013 programme](#) will qualify for maximum points.

We are currently in talks with the C&I Group (which runs countrywide CPD seminars for its members) to explore **access for BACFI members to C&I Lectures and seminars outside London**.

Support

Mentoring: The initial mentoring scheme has now come to an end and in general there has been positive feedback from both mentors and mentees. The C&I Group which administers the scheme for both barristers and solicitors will be commencing a further programme in the near future. Existing mentors will be contacted directly but any other member who would like to become or consider becoming a mentor or any member who would like to be mentored should contact secretary@bacfi.org.

Pupillage: BACFI is continuing involvement with various groups which are working to increase the number of pupillages. We are also in discussion with companies who would like to consider taking pupils but are having problems with the restrictive BSB rules relating to accreditation of training organisations. Please contact Helen Fletcher Rogers for further information hfringers@bacfi.org.

We remain keen to recruit **members for BACFI's own committees**. Please think about contributing to your professional association. Contact secretary@bacfi.org if you are interested.

Corporate Members: This class of membership is non voting but will entitle employees of the corporate member to ordinary individual membership of BACFI at a reduced rate. Would any member who thinks his/her firm would be interested in Corporate Membership of BACFI, please contact tricia.howse@hotmail.co.uk

Our website www.bacfi.org contains details of all our events, Responses to and details of BC and BSB consultation papers and we are also on <http://www.linkedin.com>.

2013 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

13th February: **In House Lawyers' Ethics Workshop and Amity Supper** with the C&I Group, at Middle Temple.

Speakers include: Professor Andy Boon, City University, Nina Barakzai, Chairman of the C&I Group and Christiane Valansot, BACFI and Middle Temple.

In May we will be repeating our popular annual **Legal Practice Seminar** with speakers from the BSB – date and venue t.b.a.

26th June: **Employed Bar Garden Party** with (and at!) Middle Temple.

September 19th: **Competition Act Update with Richard Whish.**

Hosted by IBM at its Southbank Office.

22nd October: **Bribery Act 2010:** one year on from the SFO's restated Guidance. Principal Speaker: David Green, QC, Director Serious Fraud Office.

Hosted by Mayer, Brown International, LLP.

For more details, links to maps and full year's events, please see [diary](#) on website.

Be sure to book your places at events with Sandra: events@bacfi.org

Membership drive: If you know someone in your firm who might like to join BACFI, or if your firm would be interested in corporate membership, do point them to our website where the membership forms can be downloaded: www.bacfi.org/Membership_Page.htm.

Reconnection with the Inns: If you are prepared to serve as an Inn representative, please contact Sandra: secretary@bacfi.org. We especially need volunteers for Inner and Middle Temple.

Current BACFI Inn representatives are:

Middle Temple	Christiane@valansot.com ;
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BSB and BC committees: 2013 BACFI members sitting on Bar Council or Bar Standards Board committees and subcommittees:

Bar Council	Lucinda Orr, Kevin McGinty, Stephen Collier (Treasurer) & Lorinda Long (elected) and Alexandria Carr (ex officio)
General Management Committee	Lucinda Orr (ex officio)
Employed Bar Committee	Lucinda Orr, Tim Reading & Sara George
Professional Practice Committee	Tricia Howse & Sara George
Young Barristers' Committee	Lucinda Orr
Policy Advisory Group	Stephen Collier
Finance & Accounts Committee	Stephen Collier
International Committee	Lucinda Orr & Lorinda Long
European Committee	Lorinda Long
Training for the Bar Committee	Sara George & Tim Reading
Bar Conference Committee	Lucinda Orr
City Working Group	Lorinda Long
BSB Qualifications committee and PTO panels	Helen Fletcher Rogers
BSB CPD sub committee	Tricia Howse

EXTRAS

BACFI has a section on its website for appointments – including student internships and opportunities in Europe for a *stage*. The BACFI office holds further details: secretary@bacfi.org.

BACFI also publicises **events run by other organizations** that might be of interest to members. To attend, you must book direct with the organizer.

If you would like to have something put on our website, contact Sandra secretary@bacfi.org.