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Chartered Institute of Arbitrators London Branch

"WHAT YOUR INSTITUTE DOES FOR YOU"

Wednesday 30 March 2011 – 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Speakers:

Michael Forbes Smith, CI Arb Director General
Nicki Alvey, CI Arb Director of Membership and Marketing
Allan Connarty IDRS Ltd
Neville Tait, former Chairman CI Arb Panels Management Group
Chair: Hew R Dundas, Chairman CI Arb London Branch

Venue: Oxford & Cambridge Club, 71-77 Pall Mall, SW1Y 5HD

NOTE: the Seminar will be preceded by the Branch AGM, scheduled for 6.15-6.30pm so the start time depends on the conclusion of the AGM; see also below

People of all professions question what they “get for their money” from various professional memberships and other affiliations, and particularly so in difficult economic climates such as we face now. Members of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators are no different. Although membership levels have remained steady in the past two years on a global basis, the number of members in the UK has declined.

The single most valued benefit of CI Arb membership is the ability for members to use their internationally recognised post nominal letters. However, the Institute offers members much more than that.

At this seminar Michael Forbes Smith and Nicki Alvey will be presenting what the Institute does for its members, starting with the three main Royal Charter objects and how those objects are achieved.

They will show how the Institute works at a strategic level to promote the use of arbitration and other means of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) so that the market (for work) is expanded for all. The education and training programmes will be outlined, including how members can progress up the CI Arb academic ladder, and how the Institute views continuous professional development (CPD). The wide-ranging benefits of membership will also be covered, which include international conferences, the on-line library of the academic *Journal* dating back to 1915, and the numerous professional practice guidelines and protocols that the Institute publishes.

For those members wishing to increase their practical experience, the question often asked is “how can the Institute help get us work?” Allan Connarty will address "How the work of IDRS contributes to the charitable objects of CI Arb" and Neville Tait, former chairman of the Panels Management Group (PMG), will outline the role of PMG, how the Panel Appointment Certificate Scheme (PACS) works and the CPD implications for renewals of PACS in the future.

There will be a brief session on what members can do themselves to gain work, before a closing 30 minute question and answer session.

Following the Seminar, which will conclude around 8pm, there will be a reception for the speakers and all attendees.

There will be no charge to attend this event but attendees MUST register in advance with CI Arb London Branch’s Administrator, at elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk. When registering, please state whether you are registering for the AGM+ Seminar or the Seminar only. The AGM is open only to Branch Members.