

# Branch Annual Report 2011

## London Branch

### Chairman: Hew R Dundas (May 2010-April 2012)

The principal London Branch officers for 2011/12 were: Hew R Dundas (Chairman), Irvinder Bakshi (Honorary Secretary), Bruce Leahy (Honorary Treasurer).

The other Officers were Andrew Kasriel (Senior Vice Chairman), Irvinder Bakshi/Bruce Leahy (Vice-Chairmen), Paul Rose (PRO).

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#### Events and Meetings

20/01/11	Dispute Prevention and Resolution in the Film and Media Industry Organized jointly with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Arbitration and Mediation Center
09/02/11	Property Arbitration
08/03/11	Arbitration Within Faith Communities
16/03/11	Annual Speakers Dinner for all those to spoke at, or hosted, CI Arb LB Seminars in 2010
31/03/11	AGM, followed by Seminar
31/03/11	Seminar: "What Your Institute Does for You" given by members of CI Arb Executive
05/05/11	Annual Keynote Address given by Professor Kaj Hobér (Stockholm): "International Arbitration In London: A View From Outside"; text published in ARBITRATION November 2011
26/05/11	"Psychological Factors In The Arbitral Process"
15/06/11	Summer Social Event: New World –v- Old World: A Wine Tasting at Laithwaites
29/06/11	8th Annual Mediation Seminar: "Mediation: the New Financial Imperative"
07/09/11	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Seminar with LCIA: "Arbitration in Latin America" with speakers from Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.
13/10/11	Arbitration in the Construction Sector
26/10/11	Arbitration and ADR in the Insurance Sector
17/11/11	Annual Dinner; Principal Guest/Speaker HH Sir Gavyn Arthur, 675 <sup>th</sup> Lord Mayor of London (2002/03)
01/12/11	Joint Seminar with LMAA: Current Issues in Maritime Arbitration

#### Overview/summary on activities and membership

Grant from 12 B.Sq	10,900
Cost of Holding AGM	( 1,100)
Administration Expenses	
Administrator	( 6,700)
AGM Mailing	( 2,200)
Other	( 700)
Other Expenses	
Audit Fee	( 1,250)
Bank Charges	( 750)
Surplus/Deficit on 2011 Annual Dinner	( 0)
Speakers' Dinner	( 2,450)
Net Deficit	<u>( 4,250)</u>

London Branch has approx 1,300 members (the Executive has the latest figure) but holds no useful information on the profile of its members. The membership peaked at over 1,500 (1,582 in March 2006) but has dropped sharply in the past 2-3 years.

London Branch has no Recognised Course Providers because it is prohibited from carrying out training activities. It has no formal links with Universities in the London area.

### Committee, AGMs and elections

The 2011 London Branch AGM was held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

The 2011/12 Committee comprised the Officers listed above plus David Ashton, Stephen Bickford Smith (Past Chairmen), Margaret Bickford-Smith QC, Jackie Elliman, Dr Emilia Onyema, Ike Ehiribe, Professor Grant Jones, Melanie Willems and Daniel Djanogly. Matthew Marsh (elected 2010; resigned 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011) and Ben Beaumont (elected 2011; resigned 25<sup>th</sup> November, wholly unconnected with Matthew's resignation) served on the Committee for part of 2011/12.

London Branch Committee meetings are of two types

- (i) a short business (B) one before most (but not all) of the Seminars; this is for a maximum one hour; and
- (ii) a longer one (1½-2 hours), held approximately quarterly (Q) where policy, major issues etc can be (and are) discussed). Committee Meetings were held in 2011 as follows

11/01/11	B
09/02/11	B
01/03/11	Q
05/05/11	B
26/05/11	B
22/06/11	Q
14/09/11	Q
13/10/11	B
01/12/11	B
09/01/12	Q

A Quarterly Meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012, inter alia to consider the 2011 Accounts hence it is included as a 2011 meeting. That did not apply to the 11/01/11 meeting

It should be noted that attendance at all 10 Committee Meetings involved (excluding travel) 12-15 hours of voluntary time.

No business discussed at any of these meetings merits reporting here.

A great deal of the Committee's affairs is dealt with by e-mail.

However, e-mail discussion in November 2011 led to the Chairman inviting the Rt Hon Lord Saville to step down as Branch Patron (which he duly did) and inviting (with BoT approval – rule 14 refers) Dame Elizabeth Gloster DBE to assume the role. Dame Elizabeth has a clear understanding of (i) what she is expected to do, (ii) what she might possibly do in addition and (iii) other opportunities for her to play a role.

The 2012 AGM will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012; immediately following it, Sir Vivian Ramsey will give the Annual Keynote Address.

### Principal branch officers/Others

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Chairman	Hew R Dundas	Arbitrator, Mediator etc	dundas.energy@btinternet.com
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Hon. Treasurer	Bruce Leahy	Construction Project Mgr	bleahy00apm@aol.com
Hon. Secretary	Irvinder Bakshi	Barrister	londonciarb@googlemail.com

PRO	Paul Rose	Valuation Surveyor	prose@crawford.co.uk
Webmaster	Jackie Elliman	Legal advisor/union negotiator	ellij@btinternet.com
Administrator	Elinor Pritchard	Professional Administrator	elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk

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**Events (excluding CI Arb Pathway training, but including CPD)**  
See above.

**CI Arb Pathway training – log of training delivered**  
None; London Branch is not permitted to carry out such activities

**Any other information**  
N/A; London Branch is not permitted to carry out such activities

**Plans for 2012**

	DATE	TITLE	HOST	REP	ARTICLE
a)	12 Jan 2012	The performing arts and dispute resolution	Field Fisher Waterhouse	JE	
b)	28 Feb 2012	Expert Determination	KPMG	GJ/DD	
c)	13 Mar 2012	Property Seminar	Hogan Lovells	PR	
d)	25 Apr 2012	AGM/ KEYNOTE ADDRESS Sir Vivian Ramsey	LB	DA	
e)	22 May 2012	CI Arb LB/FBLS Annual Joint Debate	Stephenson Harwood	HRD	
f)	Jun/Jul 2012	Proposed Sports Seminar	TBA	IE/MW	
g)	04 July 2012	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mediation Seminar	Clyde & Co	MBS	
h)	13 Sept 2012	8th CI Arb LB/LCIA Joint Seminar - Arbitration in Asia	Orrick LLP	HRD	
i)	11 Oct 2012	CI Arb LB/ Anglo- Russian Law Association (ARLA) Joint Seminar	White and Case	HRD	
j)	?? Nov 2012?	Proposed seminar on disputes arising in private client/trusts/ estate planning, perhaps in conjunction with STEP/UBS.	TBA	GJ	

- (1) 15 March 2012 - Speakers' Dinner**
- (2) 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 - Annual Dinner**

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