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Silver anniversary conference and AGM 2015

"Righting wrongs for injured people"

Thursday, 23 - Friday, 24 April 2015

The Celtic Manor Resort, Newport, South Wales



**Special guest:
Simon Weston OBE
Keynote speaker**

**Residential package open to
APIL members for only £595 + VAT**

Residential package includes: two-day conference pass, access to the exhibition, refreshments and meals throughout the two days, conference materials, accommodation on the Thursday evening and a ticket to the black-tie gala dinner on Thursday, 23 April 2015

**The full programme and alternative day packages can be found online at
www.apil.org.uk/training**

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APIL CPD hours*
Day one only: 5 hours 45 minutes
Day two only: 4 hours 45 minutes
BOTH DAYS: 10 hours 30 minutes

The Bar Standards Board***
Day one only: 4 hours
Day two only: 4 hours
BOTH DAYS: 8 hours

Why not join us the night before?

Wednesday, 22 April

Accommodation £160 + VAT

Welcome dinner £55 + VAT

(only applicable to conference and golf day attendees)

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*CPD hours may be subject to change
**Bar Standards Board CPD hours are rounded down to the nearest 30 minutes

Conference programme*

Wednesday, 22 April

- 11:00 – 17:00** **APIL charity golf day in aid of Brain Injury is BIG**
Twenty Ten Course
Kindly sponsored by Just Costs Solicitors
- 15:00 – 18:00** **EC/SIG/REG co-ordinators and secretaries meeting**
Conwy Suite
- 19:30 – 20:00** **EC drinks reception**
Hedleys
- 20:00 - 23:00** **Evening dinners**
EC – Hedleys
Informal dinner – Augusta Suite, The Lodge

Thursday, 23 April

- 08:45 - 09:30** **Conference registration and refreshments in the exhibition area**
- 09:30 – 09:35** **Welcome to the conference**
Deborah Evans, Chief Executive, APIL, Nottingham
- 09:35 – 10:20** **Annual general meeting**
- 10:20 – 10:50** Refreshment break in the exhibition area
Kindly sponsored by Jordan Publishing
- 10:50 – 11:05** **Opening of the conference**
Theodore Huckle QC, Counsel General for Wales
- 11:05 – 12:00** **Keynote address**
Simon Weston OBE, Falklands veteran & motivational speaker
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Cases that rocked PI over 25 years– APIL’s top five!**
Chair:
Nigel Tomkins, APIL Treasurer, Nigel Tomkins Consultancy, Nottingham
Speakers:
Cenric Clement-Evans, APIL EC Member, NewLaw Solicitors, Cardiff
Terry Lee, Russell Cooke LLP, London
John McQuater, Past APIL President, Atherton Godfrey, Doncaster
Nigel Tomkins, APIL Treasurer, Nigel Tomkins Consultancy, Nottingham
Jonathan Wheeler, Incoming APIL President, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch break served in the exhibition area
Kindly sponsored by Bush & Company Rehabilitation
- 14:00 – 14:05** **Welcome back**
Deborah Evans, Chief Executive, APIL, Nottingham
- 14:05 – 14:30** **Presidential address**
Jonathan Wheeler, Incoming APIL President, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London
- 14:30 – 15:30** **APIL debate: “PI lawyers - who needs them?”**
Chair:
John McQuater, Past APIL President, Atherton Godfrey, Doncaster
Panellists:
James Dalton, Director, General Insurance Policy, Association of British Insurers, London
John Hyde, Deputy News Editor, Law Society Gazette
David Johnson, Immediate Past President, FOIL, London
Hugh Robertson, Senior Policy Officer for Health & Safety, TUC, London
Ben Smoldon, Client of Russell Cooke LLP, London
John Spencer, APIL President, Spencers Solicitors, Chesterfield
- 15:30 – 16:00** Refreshment break in the exhibition area
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- 16:00 – 17:15** **Seminar session one**
Delegates are invited to choose from four seminars - please see overleaf for choices

Conference programme continued*

Thursday evening

19:30 – 20:00

Sparkly drinks reception

Kindly sponsored by Stokes Case Management

20:00 – 01:00

Black-tie gala dinner

With live music from funk and groove band 'Bad Girls Groove' followed by DJ and karaoke!!

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Friday, 24 April

09:00 - 09:30

Registration and refreshments in the exhibition area

09:30 – 10:45

Seminar session two

Delegates are invited to choose from four seminars - please see overleaf for choices

Friday morning revival kindly sponsored by AMG Consultancy Services Limited

10:45 – 11:15

Refreshment break served in the exhibition area

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11:15 – 12:00

Working collaboratively for best results

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- A guide to the conduct of cases involving serious injuries
- Best Practice Guide on Rehabilitation 2015

Speakers:

Neil Sugarman, Incoming APIL Vice President, GLP Solicitors, Bury
Colin Ettinger, Past APIL President, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London

12:00 – 13:00

Seminar session three

Delegates are invited to choose from four seminars - please see overleaf for choices

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch served in the Caernarfon Bar area

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14:00 – 14:15

Welcome back to the conference

Jonathan Wheeler, Incoming APIL President, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London

14:15 – 15:30

Litigation update

Kindly sponsored by LexisNexis

Our fast moving update session on issues you may not be aware of but could affect your day-to-day handling of cases. Nine PI practitioners will share their knowledge and tips about important hot topics!

Chair: Nigel Tomkins, APIL Treasurer, Nigel Tomkins Consultancy, Nottingham

Topics and speakers:

Online dispute resolution - Colin Ettinger, Past APIL President, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London

Swine flu vaccine - Peter Todd, Partner, Hodge Jones & Allen, London

The impact of Montgomery on causation - Muiris Lyons, Past APIL President, Stewarts Law LLP, London

Reany- full recovery - John McQuater, Past APIL President, Atherton Godfrey, Doncaster

Fundamental dishonesty - Brett Dixon, APIL EC Member, Smith Jones (Solicitors) LTD

SARAH – the hidden dangers - Stuart Kightley, APIL Secretary, Osbornes Solicitors, London

The impact of Woodland on child abuse - David McClenaghan, Secretary of the APIL Child Abuse Special Interest Group, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London

Challenging the Chancellor' - Sir Thomas Moore and Chris Grayling and the Rule of Law
Michael Imperato, Co-ordinator of the APIL Wales Regional Group, Watkins & Gunn, Newport

Anonymity - the position following JxMx - Mark Bowman, Partner, Fieldfisher, London

*Topics and speakers may be subject to change

Seminar choices*

Seminar session one - Thursday, 23 April 16:00 - 17:15

Costs budgeting

Kindly sponsored by AmTrust Europe Legal Limited

This seminar will consider:

- how to prepare a budget?
- hourly rates or phase costs?
- what should go into a budget?
- what goes where?
- budgets - to agree or not to agree that is the question
- preparing for the hearing
- monitoring a budgeted case to keep it on budget
- when to apply to amend a budget and how
- the relevance of the budget to the detailed assessment process
- Part 36 changes relevant to budgets
- what about indemnity costs?
- costs management hearings – a judicial perspective

Speakers:

Gary Barker - Gary Barker Training, Hertfordshire
Master David Cook - Master of the High Court, Queens Bench Division, Royal Courts of Justice, London
Brett Dixon - APL EC Member, Smith Jones (Solicitors) LTD, Burnley

JPIL case and comment (first session)

Kindly sponsored by Sweet and Maxwell, a legal division of Thomson Reuters

Members of the JPIL editorial board will provide their expert analysis of the cases that really matter to PI practitioners, based on cases that have been and will be reported in recent and forthcoming editions of JPIL. The sessions will focus on three areas:

- liability
- quantum
- procedure

JPIL prides itself on its expert case reporting and commentary. It often covers important cases before they appear anywhere else in print. JPIL not only tells you what cases say but also what they mean!

Speakers:

Muiris Lyons - JPIL Editor, Past APIL President, Stewarts Law LLP, London
Nigel Tomkins - JPIL Digest Editor, APIL Treasurer, Nigel Tomkins Consultancy, Nottingham
Colin Ettinger - Past APIL President, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London
John McQuater - Past APIL President, Atherton Godfrey, Doncaster

Military claims: the essentials

Kindly sponsored by HCML

This seminar will cover:

- who can claim and why?
- combat immunity and when does it apply?
- the letter of claim - getting it right first time
- disclosure of service medical records and personnel files - when and how?
- pre-action conduct and applications
- expert evidence - liability and medical
- witness statements
- career forecasts employment expert evidence
- damages – PS&L, SvM, loss of congenial employment, earnings, pension, bonuses and perks of military life
- preparing for trial
- ADR
- the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme
- independent financial advice

Speakers:

Grant Evatt - Co-ordinator of APIL's Military SIG, Hilary Meredith Solicitors Limited, London
Chris Barnes - Barrister, Exchange Chambers, Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds

What's happening across the jurisdictions?

All the very latest developments in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

Speakers:

Cenric Clement-Evans - APIL EC Member, NewLaw Solicitors, Cardiff
Gordon Dalyell - APIL EC Member, Digby Brown LLP, Edinburgh
Martin Hanna - APIL EC Member, Francis Hanna & Co, Belfast

Seminar choices*

Seminar session two - Friday, 24 April 09:30 - 10:45

Compliance: What you really need to know to avoid getting into trouble?

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This seminar will cover:

- impact of financial pressures on compliance
- compliance fallout from the attack on the 'compensation culture'
- compliance risks of higher value claims and more complex work
- referrals
- professional indemnity – regulatory aspects
- external regulation – consumer credit, data protection

Speakers:

Neil Sugarman, Incoming APIL Vice President, GLP Solicitors, Bury
Frank Maher, Legal Risk LLP, Liverpool

European update

The impact of EC legislation on personal injury law is growing steadily and this creates a need for knowledge of European legislation. This session is concerned with identifying those cases where the Court of England and Wales can exercise the power to hear and determine cases which relates to events or parties outside England and Wales.

The session will further explore how the substantive rules of foreign systems of law will be material to a greater or lesser extent.

The review of Brussels I, which is known as Brussels IA (Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2012 of 12 December 2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters), will be analysed in detail together with the latest developments in the application of Rome II (Regulation (EC) No 864/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations) and the Service Regulation (Council Regulation (EC) No 1393/2007 of 13 November on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters).

Speakers:

Alberto Cedillo- Co-ordinator of APIL's International SIG, Alberto Perez Cedillo Spanish Lawyers and Solicitors, London
Sarah Crowther, Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers, London

JPIL case and comment (REPEAT OF SEMINAR ONE)

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Picking winners

Four important European Court of Justice rulings have turned our understanding of motor insurance law on its head. They render obsolete most of the case law we are familiar with. Furthermore, the Government's long standing failure to properly implement the European directives on motor insurance has opened up exciting new (profitable) opportunities for presenting successful legal challenges against insurers, the MIB and the Government.

This seminar will focus on practical matters:

- how to spot breaches of EU law that impinge on the rights of motor accident victims
- how to ensure that a court applies a European law consistent interpretation of the Road Traffic Act 1988, the EC Rights Against Insurers Regulations 2002 and even the MIB Agreements
- an ABC guide to a comparative law interpretation and its limitations
- how to calibrate the prospects of raising a successful legal challenge

If you handle any motor accident claims this is one seminar you cannot afford to miss!

Speaker:

Nick Bevan, APIL Fellow Emeritus, Independent Trainer, Somerset

Seminar choices*

Seminar session three - Friday, 24 April 12:00 - 13:00

Being interesting in business

Actor David Gillespie's talk is a slightly irreverent and often amusing insight on how we can connect with confidence and perform with power when striking rapport and building profitable relationships in business.

This seminar will cover:

- being great communicators
- being able to control the way we are perceived by others
- being at the front of minds, on the tips of tongues and on the top of lists

Speaker:

David Gillespie, actor and motivational speaker, speechworks, London

Fun games and compensation claims

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Content to be advised nearer the time

Speakers

Matthew Stockwell, Past APIL President, Outer Temple Chambers, London

Ben Rogers, Stewarts Law LLP, London

Other methods of resolving litigation

Kindly sponsored by Hawkins

This seminar will cover:

- mediation in the era of proportionality and the culture of compliance
- the APIL/FOIL/ MASS directory of mediators
- "pick n mix": Is the one stop shop the future for dispute resolution?

Speakers:

Brian Dawson, APIL EC Member, Walker Smith Way, Chester
Tim Wallis, Trust Mediation LTD, London

Types of pain and what makes it chronic

Kindly sponsored by George Ide LLP

This seminar will cover:

- different types of pain that exist
- complexities of the interactions between different types of pain
- factors which prolong the experience of pain
- depending on time, the likely response to treatment

Speaker:

Dr Rajesh Munglani, Consultant in Pain Medicine, Cambridge

Supporting activities

- **APIL charity golf day - Twenty Ten Course - Wednesday, 22 April - limited spaces available**

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In aid of Brain Injury is BIG



- **Welcome dinner on Wednesday, 22 April**

For conference and golf day attendees only

- **APIL's annual general meeting on Thursday, 23 April**

Open to all APIL members

- **Pre-dinner drinks reception on Thursday, 23 April**

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- **Black-tie gala dinner on Thursday, 23 April**

Black-tie dinner with live music from funk and groove band 'Bad girls groove' followed by DJ and karaoke

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- **Exhibition**

The conference will be supported by over 60 exhibition stands, offering a wide range of products and services, that are relevant in the field of personal injury law

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Further information

APIL AGM

Day one of the conference hosts our annual general meeting, which is a closed session for APIL members only.

Conference packs - electronic option

As an alternative option to the conference ringbinder, we are delighted to offer a digital publication to our delegates, which can be viewed on mobile devices such as iPads or laptops. If delegates choose to go ahead with the digital option only, they will **not** receive a hard copy of the conference pack. Anybody choosing the digital option will receive a discount of £10 + VAT on their conference registration.

All delegates will be sent 'download instructions' prior to the event and will receive the iBook (for iPad) or PDF (other devices) in advance of the conference.

Dress codes

Please note that the following dress codes apply to the conference:

Welcome dinner on Wednesday, 22 April - smart/casual

Main conference - smart/casual

Black-tie gala dinner on Thursday, 23 April

Black tie gala dinner

The gala dinner is open to delegates, sponsors, exhibitors and speakers and wristbands will be issued to all attendees. Additional places may only be purchased for delegate's spouses/partners.

Weekend rates and leisure facilities at the Celtic Manor Resort - discounted rates!*

APIL has negotiated some very special spa and golf rates at the Celtic Manor Resort, so that conference attendees can bring partners along and make the most of the facilities at this prestigious venue:

15% off any treatment at the Forum Spa (excluding packages)

Valid between Wednesday, 22 April - Friday 24 April 2015

Reduced golf rates on the Roman Road or Montgomerie course

£30 per person on Wednesday, 22 April and Thursday, 23 April 2015

£46 per person on Friday, 24 April 2015

Weekend rates

Discounted rates start from £76.38 for single occupancy and £89.25 for double occupancy in the Manor House and £131.25 for single occupancy and £157.50 for double occupancy in the Main Resort. Valid from Friday, 24 - Sunday, 26 April 2015.

Seminar choices

Spaces on seminars are limited and allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis. We will endeavour to place as many delegates as possible in their seminar of choice.

Please use the annual conference booking form to indicate which seminars you wish to attend. Alternatively you can register electronically at www.surveymonkey.com/s/APIL15. You will need to tick your first and second choices for each of the seminar sessions. Please note that the JPIL case and comment seminar will run twice.

Registration

The APIL annual conference is open to APIL members only. To book your place, please complete the enclosed registration form and return with full payment to:

Claire Lowther, Conference Organiser, APIL, 3 Alder Court, Rennie Hogg Road, Nottingham NG2 1RX
DX: 716208 Nottingham 42
Telephone: 0115 943 5408 Fax: 0115 958 0885 E-mail: claire.lowther@apil.org.uk

REGISTRATION FORM

APIL annual conference: Thursday, 23 – Friday, 24 April 2015		
Option	APIL member fee	Please tick if applicable
Residential package (including attendance at both days of the conference plus one ticket to the gala dinner and single occupancy accommodation at the Celtic Manor Resort on Thursday, 23 April)	£595 + VAT	
Day delegate only (Thursday, 23 April)	£235 + VAT	
Day delegate only (Friday, 24 April)	£235 + VAT	
Two- day delegate (non-residential) (Thursday, 23 and Friday, 24 April; with no accommodation or evening dinner ticket)	£420 + VAT	
<p style="text-align: center;">OPTION FOR ELECTRONIC CONFERENCE PACK Discount of £10 + VAT on the above rates</p> <p>Due to their popularity last year, we will again be offering delegates the opportunity to choose the electronic pack instead of the conference ringbinder. This is a digital publication which delegates can view on mobile devices such as iPads or laptops. If delegates choose to go ahead with the digital option, they will not receive a hard copy of the conference pack.</p> <p>Delegates choosing this option will be sent download instructions prior to the event and they will need to download the iBook (for iPad) or PDF (other devices) in advance of the conference. Anybody choosing the digital option will receive a discount of £10 + VAT on their conference registration.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">To choose this option, please tick below and take £10 + VAT off the above rates</p>

Evening prior to the conference: Wednesday, 22 April 2015		
Option	Fee	Please tick if applicable
Single occupancy accommodation LIMITED BEDROOMS AVAILABLE – BOOK SOON TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT	£160 + VAT	
Ticket to the informal evening dinner	£55 + VAT	

Partner supplements		
Option	Fee	Please tick if applicable
Double occupancy supplement for the evening of Wednesday, 22 April	£50 + VAT	
Additional evening dinner ticket on Wednesday, 22 April (only available to delegate's spouses/partners)	£55 + VAT	
Double occupancy supplement for the evening of Thursday, 23 April	£50 + VAT	
Additional dinner dance ticket on Thursday, 23 April (only available to delegate's spouses/partners)	£70 + VAT	

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Please return your completed form to: APIL, 3, Alder Court, Rennie Hogg Road, Nottingham
NG2 1RX DX: 716208 Nottingham 42 Telephone: 0115 943 5408 Fax: 0115 958 0885

Name of APIL member: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

APIL no: _____ Tel no: _____

Fax no: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of partner (for double occupancy bookings): _____

Please detail any accommodation requirements: _____

Please detail any additional requirements (including dietary): _____

Please note that all dietary requirements can be catered for with prior notice, although if there is an additional charge for this by the venue or this has to be sourced externally, the charge will be passed onto the delegate

I enclose a cheque for £_____ payable to APIL (a VAT receipt will be issued)

Please charge my **debit card** (Visa Debit/Delta) with the amount of £_____

Please charge my **credit card** (MasterCard/Visa/Amex) with the amount of £_____

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SEMINAR CHOICES

Please indicate which seminars you would like to attend by ticking your first and second choices. Seminars will be allocated on a first come first served basis and confirmation will follow with your booking confirmation.

Thursday, 23 April 4.00pm – 5.15pm	SESSION ONE	FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE
	Costs budgeting		
	Military claims: the essentials		
	JPIL case and comment		
	What's happening across the jurisdictions?		

Friday, 24 April 9.30am – 10.45am	SESSION TWO	FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE
	Compliance: What you really need to know to avoid getting into trouble?		
	European update		
	JPIL case and comment (REPEAT OF SESSSION ONE)		
	Picking winners		

Friday, 24 April 12noon - 1pm	SESSION THREE	FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE
	Being interesting in business		
	Fun games and compensation claims		
	Other methods of resolving litigation		
	Types of pain and what makes it chronic		

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