

09 May 2014

Dear Member

## **APIL LONDON GROUP - AN INVITATION**

We would like to invite you to attend the forthcoming London regional group meeting which is taking place at the Bloomsbury Hotel.

Date: Tuesday, 17 June 2014

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Venue: Bloomsbury Hotel  
16-22 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3NN

We are pleased to welcome **Frank Burton QC** and **Dr S Sooriakumaran** who will be giving presentations at the meeting. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details on the speakers and topics and how to register.

This meeting has been accredited with 1CPD hour, reference 2027/APIL. Established practising barristers can count this 1 hour towards their unaccredited CPD allowance.

If you have not yet been to an APIL London regional group meeting, please do try to attend as they are an invaluable source of information and an excellent chance to network. Members wishing to bring along a guest may do so at the cost of £15.00 + VAT per guest. Each guest must be sympathetic to the aims of the association and considering taking up membership themselves. Numbers are limited and therefore members will take precedence.

***Once the meeting has taken place please feel free to join us, the speakers and the other delegates in a nearby bar for a social get together.***

### **Forthcoming APIL training events near you:**

13/05/14 Accidents at work 2014, London

16/05/14 Training the trainers 2014, London

20/05/14 APIL military claims conference 2014, London

23/05/14 Clinical negligence update 2014, London

03/06/14 Professional negligence - Jacksons new marketplace, London

17/06/14 Advanced road traffic claims update, London

18/06/14 Portal claims handling, London

20/06/14 Child and adult abuse conference 2014, London

11/07/14 Clinical negligence - advanced, London

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely

Jon Nicholson  
Co-ordinator

Janice Gardner  
Secretary

**APIL LONDON REGIONAL GROUP  
TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2014**

**Speakers:**

***“Expert evidence in amputation cases”***



**By Frank Burton QC, 12 Kings Bench Walk Chambers**

Recognised in both the Legal 500 and the Chambers Directory as a “leading silk” in personal injury and in the Legal 500 as a 'leading silk' in medical negligence, Frank has an established practice in the areas of personal injury, professional and clinical negligence.

Frank Burton QC has been named in Chambers & Partners top 100 QCs list a new listing of the 100 best business lawyers in selected jurisdiction, ranked according to their legal capability and the service they provide to their client and is one of just two PI silks named in this prestigious group.

Listed as a Star Individual in Chambers & Partners 2012, Frank is described as "colossal" and is admired for his "excellent legal mind, immense patience and empathy with clients, and incredible sway with the judiciary." Along with this, his advice is acclaimed as "clear, concise, understandable and above all pragmatic and realistic."

In Chambers and Partners 2011, Frank is prized by both defendants and claimants for his "incredible intellectual acumen," he is noted for the "genuine compassion he exhibits towards people who have suffered serious injuries." Solicitors concur that he is a true market leader on asbestos-related cases, an area where he regularly represents claimants and demonstrates "a mild-mannered ruthlessness in court."

Frank is also described as “head and shoulders above the rest,” and “is everything you could possibly want in a QC.” One of the undisputed leaders in the field, he is endorsed as “a polished performer with a formidable intellect.” He has acted in some of the most high-profile litigation in the field such as the pleural plaques test cases, *Grieves v F T Everard and Son* and *Rothwell v Chemical & Insulating Co*. Frank has been commended for having “a rare combination of a brilliant academic mind, excellent preparation skills and a compelling manner with clients”.

Frank was named 'Personal Injury Silk of the Year' 2005, 2006 and 2008 at the Chambers Bar Awards. Frank was awarded Star Individual status in personal injury in Chambers 2009, the first and currently only barrister to achieve this rating. He was also described a leading Silk in industrial disease and clinical negligence.

***“Amputation and prosthetic rehabilitation”***

**By Dr S Sooriakumaran, Consultant in rehabilitation medicine**

Appointed as Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine at Queen Mary’s Hospital in 1990.

By working in the world-renowned rehabilitation centre at Roehampton for over ten years, I have gained expertise in the management of upper & lower limb amputees of all age groups. I am the Clinical Director for a well experienced multidisciplinary team representing physiotherapy, occupational therapy, nursing, clinical psychology, social workers, prosthetists, orthotists and rehabilitation engineers. The centre has a registered caseload of 2,600 amputees with a hardware budget of 1.6M. There is a purpose built in-patient unit (Douglas Bader Unit) a twelve bedded ward for management of complex problems in amputees such as chronic stump pain, multiple amputations, and patients with concurrent medical problems who need intensive rehabilitation programmes. Numbers of patients are referred annually for second opinion from other regions and from abroad. The workshop has the expertise to fabricate the full range of hardware both modern sophisticated prostheses using hi-tech components and conventional prostheses using leather and metal, on site to cater the wide range of clinical situations.

According to national guidelines, over the last fifteen years, in addition to its longstanding expertise in prosthetic rehabilitation the centre has expanded into other areas of physical rehabilitation such as wheelchairs, special seating, orthotics, neuro-rehabilitation, assistive technology, gait laboratory assessments etc. The centre employs 123 members of staff representing various disciplines with an annual income of around 8.6M.

The centre is actively involved in a number of research & development programmes. The centre is recognised as the only unit in this country to undertake a collaborative programme with Professor Branemark in Sweden to perform osseointegration surgery on selected amputees. High definition silicone cosmesis for prostheses has been a long-standing aspiration for amputees. This is now made possible at Roehampton working jointly with RSL silicone workshop based at Roehampton.

I have been involved in providing medico-legal reports from 1990 and on average carry out 75 to 100 reports annually. This is equally distributed between requests from plaintiffs and defendants.

I deliver lectures to legal bodies on 'Amputee Rehabilitation' on a regular basis. I attend lectures organised by the medico-legal society.

In appropriate cases I do the assessment and reporting jointly with the Prosthetics & Fabrication Managers at Roehampton to give detail specifications and costs for prosthetics.

**FOLLOWED BY:**

**Colin Ettinger, APIL EC Officer, speaking on: “Current EC activities within APIL”**

**Chaired by:**

**Jon Nicholson**, Anthony Gold, APIL London regional group co-ordinator  
**Janice Gardner**, Russell-Cooke LLP, APIL London regional group secretary

Teas, coffees and biscuits will be served. Members wishing to bring along a guest may do so at the cost of £15.00 + VAT per guest. Please complete the slip below and return it to the APIL office.

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Please reserve a place at the above meeting for:

Name: ..... Membership number: .....

Firm/chambers: .....

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