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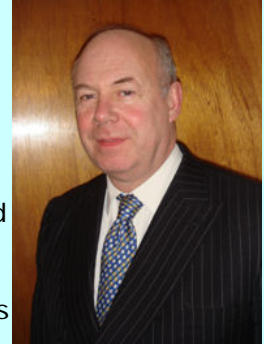
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I spent a recent weekend at the Congress of the Federation des Barreaux d'Europe, where we debated "modernisation" and discussed some of the problems faced by lawyers in jurisdictions across Europe.



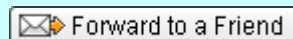
On the modernisation topic subjects raised ranged from technology to a real scepticism about the way in which the Legal Services Act puts consumer interests first and concern that some of its principles may cross the channel - a scepticism that I suspect is shared by many of us.

The problems faced by some of our continental colleagues - though not on the scale of Colombian lawyers - were also interesting: in Italy it was reported that the payment of legal aid fees takes two years, and in Bulgaria they are unlikely to be paid at all. It also seems that Poland has a shortage of lawyers: as we have a surplus of trainees.

Most important, of course, is the networking opportunity, and I took the chance to promote the Society as much as possible. Europe is an ever smaller continent and I commend the FBE as one means of developing links that can assist your practices - the next meeting is in September.

I hope to see many of you at the Legal Charities Garden Party on June 9th - Lincoln's Inn, 18.30 and lots of your colleagues.

As always, if you enjoy the e-Report, please do feel free to forward on your copy to others who you think may also enjoy it, using this link (which allows them to sign up for their own copy):

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Peter Adams  
President

The Legal Charity Garden Party 9th June 2010

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The Garden Party will take place in Lincoln's Inn Fields on 9th

June 2010 (if wet in Great Hall and Old Hall). The Garden Party offers an opportunity to network in a relaxed atmosphere with other members of the legal profession whilst enjoying a glass of

bubbly and listening to the energetic music. Tickets are on sale now for £12 and can be purchased from the Society by e-mailing us at [admin@cwahs.org.uk](mailto:admin@cwahs.org.uk).



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Fancy a relaxing cruise in the iceberg free month of September? Well we have just the ticket!



The Society, through one of its members, has been able to charter the SS Shieldhall, a 287 foot in length steam ship, moored at the Ocean Village in Southampton, a short stint down the Waterloo train line.

The ship will leave port at 11am for a short cruise out into the Solent returning at 16.00. Members are able to purchase refreshments on-board ship and/or take on board their own.

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