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Report on Previous Events

Girona, November 2017 – Half-Year Conference

Dear BFCM Commission Members,

The Girona Half-Year Conference was a spectacular event full of exciting scientific and social events (some of you may remember visiting the Dali museum as well as Girona's Old Town).

We thought this collage would remind you of the atmosphere created by our amazing hosts.



We also take this opportunity to thank you for your suggestions provided during our HYC commission meeting and assure you that each will be given consideration so that future congresses and AIJA events arranged by the BFCM Commission will be even more of a success.

To see the [minutes of the Commission meeting](#) click [here](#).

Valbella, January 2018 - Winter Seminar

"M&A in the financial industries – the regulatory and compliance minefield"

As summarised by the BFCM Commission member, [Tarek Houdrouge](#), the BFCM was present at the Corporate and M&A Double Winter Seminar held in Valbella (Switzerland) and the Swiss Alps showed their great attractiveness for regulatory M&A and skiing!

The BFCM panel discussed the trends in the M&A involving financial institutions, in particular in the banking sector, and the effects of the financial crisis as well as the various specific challenges relating such transactions, such as the due diligence issues, regulatory aspects, typical R&Ws, transitional issues and cross-border considerations.

During the conference, the panelists presented the key legal topics involved in this field including banking secrecy, data protection, clients' consent, coordination with regulatory authorities, AML/KYC and capital markets requirements, and also addressed the impact of the block chain and new technologies.

The social programme offered a unique fondue night dinner on the slopes and drinks in an alpine surrounding.

Upcoming events for the BFCM Commission

Warsaw, May 2018 – Half-Year Conference

The May Half-Year Conference will be held from 23 - 26 May in Warsaw, Poland. You still have time to register!

The conference will be divided into two seminars:

- corporate governance: "*Corporate governance – current trends and development*" (organized by the Corporate and M&A Commission); and
- the lawyer-client relationship: "*Happy ever after! In-house counsels' and law firms' perspective on how to successfully develop client-attorney relationship*" (prepared by the Skills, Career, Innovation, Leadership and Learning Commission).

Call Notice: The BFCM Commission meeting will take place on Friday 25 May 2018 at 3.00 p.m.

Brussels, August 2018 - Annual Congress

The Organizing Committee is developing a scientific programme in collaboration with the commissions and membership of AIJA around the theme of globalisation and international integration. It will be an occasion to examine the current situation and think about where we are heading: towards greater integration, international co-operation and cross-border trade, or in the opposite direction?

In partnership with the Antitrust and M&A Commissions, **the BFCM Commission will be hosting a workshop** exploring how increasing anti-globalisation pressures may be affecting cross-border M&A transactions. A questionnaire on these issues will be hitting your inboxes shortly. Please take a moment to answer any questions that are relevant to your practice as your participation will help us create a lively debate.

We are seeking nominations for the Vice-President position as Stéphanie's term as Vice-President will sadly end in Brussels. If you are interested in becoming the next BFCM Commission Vice-President, please send your CV and a short description of what you would deliver for the BCFM Commission to [Jennifer Maxwell](#). We are looking for candidates who are active AIJA members, who have participated in seminars (as speaker or organiser) and most importantly have contributed positively to the life of the BFCM Commission.

London, October 2018 – Bank Recovery and Resolution Seminar

From 11 October 2018 to 13 October 2018, the IP/IT, Private Clients, Insolvency and BFCM Commissions will team up to offer a double seminar covering “*Bank Recovery and Resolution*” and “*Art Law Today*”. More information on this seminar has been posted on the [AIJA Website](#).

The banking seminar will bring together our members’ first-hand experiences on the bank failure measures put in place after the financial crisis. We will explore the principal tools available under resolution and recovery regimes and will also look at litigation associated with bank failures, including fraud and AML aspects.

Call for speakers: If you would like to participate as a speaker in the London seminar please contact [Matthias Gstoehl](#)

Hong Kong, May 2019 – How to Raise Money: International Perspectives

Hong Kong, a cosmopolitan city and a tropical paradise, will welcome you to the 2019 Half-Year Conference. Strategically located at the heart of Asia, Hong Kong has built its success as a global financial centre, and a gateway to the endless opportunities in China.

This Conference will deal with two striking topics: "How to Raise Money: International Perspectives" (organized by the BFCM Commission) and "Tax: a Dream, not a Nightmare" (organized by the Tax Law Commission). Both seminars will include speakers from within AIJA as well as high profile external speakers, including in-house counsel.

How to Raise Money: International Perspectives

The AIJA Half-Year conference will use the dramatic backdrop of the historical trading city and cutting edge global financial centre that is Hong Kong to explore the latest on how companies find and raise capital (public and private) at home and abroad and will provide an overview of the legal frameworks developing across the world to raise funds efficiently while ensuring the protection of stakeholders.

Tax: a Dream, not a Nightmare

The dreams of the rapidly changing financial industry create ongoing challenges for creative tax planning, classification, and compliance. In Hong Kong we will explore the cutting-edge developments in cross-border tax planning to keep the dreams alive and important compliance considerations to avoid the nightmares.

Call for speakers: If you would like to participate as a speaker in the Hong Kong Half-Year conference please contact [Jennifer Maxwell](#).

Future BFCM Projects

Do not hesitate to [contact us](#) if you want to get involved in the organisation of the BFCM Commission projects or if you need support to launch your own project!

Scientific Contributions

We aim to feature the academic contributions of our members in this newsletter. If you have recently published something that would be of interest to our community, we encourage you to submit it to us.

If selected, your contribution will be published in the next BFCM Newsletter and on the AIJA Banking Finance & Capital Markets LinkedIn Group. The next submission deadline is 1 August 2018.

Connect with the BFCM Commission

New AIJA BFCM WhatsApp Group

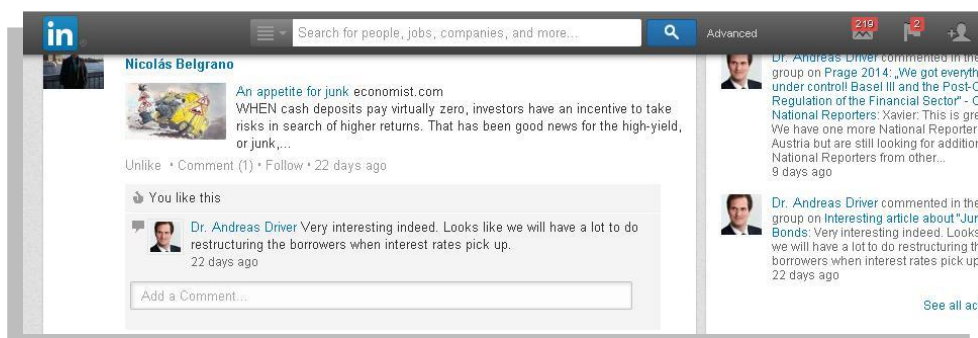


The BFCM Commission is launching a BFCM WhatsApp group at the Half-Year Conference in Warsaw.

If you want to join, please send your phone number to [Natalia Danilova](#).

Our AIJA BFCM LinkedIn Group

Please join our LinkedIn Group if you haven't done so! And more importantly use it to share any news, thoughts or questions.



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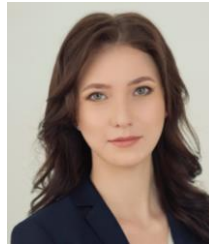
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