

## Banking, Finance and Capital Markets Commission

### Quarterly Newsletter

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#### Report on Previous Events

### Tokyo Annual Congress – BFCM Wins Best Seminar

The 2017 AIJA Annual Congress took place in Tokyo, Japan – the capital of a country known for both its traditions and its technological progress. Notwithstanding the great distance, many participants took the opportunity to attend to re-connect with their AIJA colleagues and to learn more about the Congress's theme of artificial intelligence and the law.

The Banking, Finance and Capital Markets Commission hosted a 3-hour workshop which offered a whirlwind tour of recent Fintech trends, including blockchain, smart contracts and tracing of crypto assets. We are pleased to report that the BCFM Commission's "Focus on Fintech" seminar was recognized as the best seminar with the participants being awarded the Past President Award. Congratulations to all the organisers and presenters:

**Mariella Både-Landell**, Castrén & Snellman (Finland)  
**Alex Carbonell**, Gómez-Acebo & Pombo Abogados, S.L.P. (Spain)  
**Gerrard Correig**, Cuatrecasas (Spain)  
**Çağrı Coşar**, YTT Law Office (Turkey)  
**Natalia Danilova**, Alrud Law Firm (Russia)  
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**Benjamin Dürig**, Froriep Legal AG, (Switzerland)  
**Matthias Gstoechl**, LALIVE (Switzerland)  
**Jennifer Maxwell**, Blake, Cassels & Graydon (Canada)  
**Susumu Tanizawa**, Nishimura & Asahi (Japan)  
**Dieter Veestraeten**, Astrea (Belgium)

Members of the Commission also contributed to a report on fintech developments in their countries. This report provides a current and concise global review of fintech regulatory evolution and can be accessed here: [Report Focus on Fintech](#)

Finally, it must also be reported that the social programme was very well organized, ending with a gala dinner at one of the most beautiful locations in Tokyo, the Happon-en Palace and Imperial Gardens.

Thank you all who has participated and contributed to both scientific and social programmes. Well done!

See also the [Minutes of the BFCM Commission meeting in Tokyo](#).

## Girona, November 2017 – Half Year Conference

The 2017 Half Year November Conference will be held in the beautiful Spanish city of Girona from 15 - 18 November. The [full scientific programme](#) has just been released.

The conference will focus on Crowdfunding and Alternative Financing and on Cinematography Law. Members of the BFCM Commission will actively participate in this event. Our Vice-President, Stéphanie Hodara from Altenburger (Switzerland), will speak on a panel on Thursday 16 November regarding "*Equity crowdfunding: Regulation, practice and challenges*". Other BCFM members who are scheduled to present are:

**Dr. Anh-Duc Cordalis**, Greenfort (Germany)  
**Anne Toupenay-Schueller**, Jeantet (France)  
**Dieter Veestraeten**, Astrea (Belgium)  
**Bethan Waters**, Farrer & Co (UK)

**The BFCM Commission Meeting will be held on Friday, November 17 from 14.30 to 18.30.** This is your time to meet with the Commission officers, learn about future initiatives and have your views heard. We look forward to seeing you.

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## Valbella, January 2018 - Winter Seminar

The 2018 winter seminar will take place in Valbella from 21 - 24 January. Morning sessions will explore the mechanics of M&A transactions, with one panel specifically focussing on M&A in the financial sector. The afternoons are free so you will have time to enjoy winter sports activities in one of the biggest ski areas of Switzerland. The alpine oasis of Valbella is probably THE most young and upcoming ski resort in the Swiss Alps.

**Call for speakers:** The organisers of the seminar are looking for one speaker to join the panel on "M&A in the financial industries – the regulatory and compliance minefield". If you are interested please send an e-mail to [Stéphanie Hodara](#).

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## Warsaw, May 2018 – Half Year Conference

The May Half Year Conference will be held from 23 - 26 May in Warsaw, Poland, one of the most vibrant and fastest growing EU cities. The Conference will be divided into seminars focused on corporate governance ("Corporate governance – current trends and development") and the lawyer-client relationship ("Happy ever after! In-house counsels' and law firms' perspective on how to successfully develop client-attorney relationship"). Both the social and the scientific programmes will provide for plenty of excellent networking opportunities.

**Call for speakers:** The organisers of the Warsaw conference are looking for speakers specializing in capital markets. If you are interested please send an e-mail to [Stéphanie Hodara](#).

## 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 [Jennifer Maxwell](#).

### Future BFCM Projects

The BFCM Commission plans to host a workshop at the Brussels Annual Congress 2018. The broad question of the Congress will be globalization and whether the world is leading towards or away from international integration.

The internationalization theme fits nicely with our Commission’s mandate as the finance and capital markets sectors regularly grapples with this issue, particularly in light of recent political developments in the US and Europe. We anticipate that our workshop will cover topics like how EU passporting concept will evolve post-Brexit, how the EU disintegration processes may affect banks and other financial institutions as well as other hot topics.

**Call for speakers:** If you are interested in becoming involved as a speaker at Brussels, please contact [Natalia Danilova](#).

### Scientific Contributions

Each BFCM Newsletter features the academic contributions of our members. 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 December 31, 2017.

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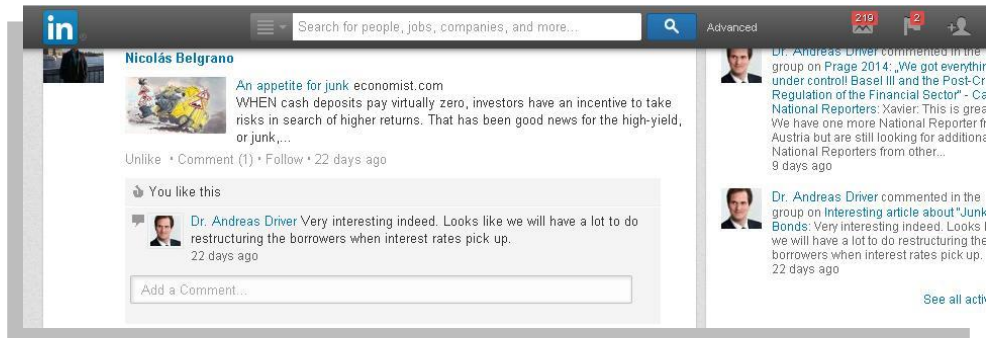
## Feature Contribution - Belgium

Read about the implications of the new Belgian Collateral Act, by Dieter Veestraeten, Partner at Astrea in Brussels:

<http://www.astrealaw.be/en/news/updates/uitvoeringsbesluit-nieuwe-pandwet>

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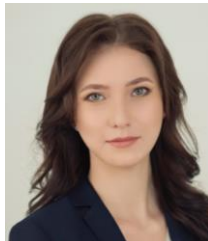
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