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Members Information

All of The Academy's information is available for Members from the Member Resources page of the website.

This includes:

- Guidance
- Publications
- Reports
- Model Terms of Engagement

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'update'

From the Chairman



Day 160 of lockdown (some days it does feel that way).

I must have put on 4 stone; I have adopted the full Wookiee (anti)grooming look in the virtual world we now inhabit... how does a socially distanced barber work? I have nightmares of being approached by a cut-throat razor on a 2m pole; I have binge watched everything my not-so-smart tv has to offer in between sitting through, what feels like, endless video calls (oftentimes a 2 minute e-mail would probably have achieved the same thing); it does facilitate (the voyeuristic) peering into other people's lockdown boxes. Whilst we all continue to adapt, I hope you have fared better than the above.

The Academy has adapted admirably to the challenges we have faced over the last 3 months:

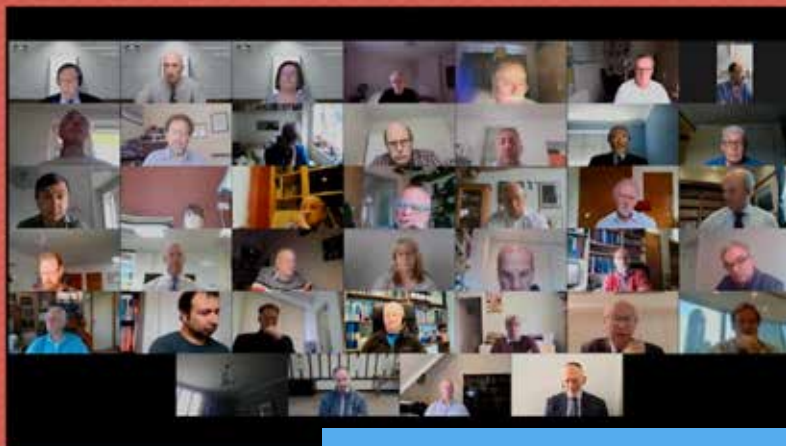
- We have successfully organised 3 webinar-based Evening Meetings (some 'evenings' were even in the middle of the day) with over 660 people joining us to hear the thoughts of a range of eminent guest speakers. Details of additional evening meetings will be announced on a rolling basis. If there are topics that you would like

to see discussed, please do let us know-they are your meetings.

- We have delivered the content of several full courses entirely online.
- Notwithstanding the huge amount of extra work involved, we have, so far, released 3 special 'lockdown' editions of TEDR electronically to members thanks to Michael Cohen's exceptional efforts.
- The President's Dinner has been rearranged for 4th November 2020 and we continue to keep this under review as things unfold.
- You still have time to participate in our research into Expert Evidence in a Virtual Era. The Academy of Experts and HKA seek your experience and opinions on the giving of expert evidence in 'virtual hearings', in any dispute forum. Even if you have not been directly involved in giving evidence virtually, we are still interested in your opinions. We hope to combine those experiences and observations with those received from lawyers, barristers, judges, arbitrators, adjudicators, and experts to

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'At Home' with Lord Neuberger

New TAE Deputy President, Lord Neuberger, spoke to members via Zoom

From the Chairman cont...

bring together a broader platform of insight that will be of interest to the dispute community. If you wish to participate in this research, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/y9zunta6>

- We continue to serve members (mostly) seamlessly thanks to the efforts and adaptability of the team.

Since my last note, Lord Saville has announced the appointment of Professor Sir Terence Stephenson DM, FRCPC, FRCP, SFFMLM as a Vice President on 27th April and, on 18th May, the appointment of The Rt Hon Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury as TAE Deputy President. Lord Neuberger will succeed Lord Saville as President of The Academy later in the year. Some 65 members joined Lord Neuberger 'at home' for an online meet and greet on 11th June. Both are a great addition to The Academy.

As different countries begin to relax restrictions there will be a raft of issues arising from the effective suspension of commercial contracts and other arrangements because of the various forms of lockdown imposed across different jurisdictions. The Academy's members are replete with the skills necessary to provide independent expert opinion, expert determination and mediation services focused on facilitating the restart, continuation, and completion of such projects alongside the disposal of issues arising. We are in the process of finalising The Academy's new website as a window on that capability and a portal to better serve and promote members interests.

Thank you for your support of The Academy and stay safe.

Derek Nelson
Chairman
June 2020

TAE COVID RESPONSE

The Academy's office is being run virtually with all services maintained as normal where possible.

The TAE Helpline for members is operating as normal. If you do need to contact us then wherever possible please email us first and we will come back to you as soon as we can.

Training & Meetings

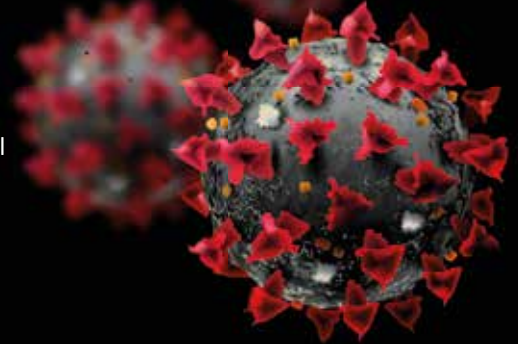
The lockdown has meant that we are not currently able to run our regular meetings face to face. However we are not letting that stop us from holding regular member meetings. Our training courses are now taking place online and a number of 'Member Meetings' have already taken place with more planned for the next couple of months.

Court Guidance

A number of courts have now issued guidance on how they are proceeding. The list below is not exhaustive and will be updated as soon as we receive new information.

Latest Guidances include:

- Civil & Family Proceedings - General
- Family Courts
- Criminal Courts
- Business & Property Courts
- Northern Ireland Courts
- Scottish Courts



Links to all of the guidance above can be found in the member area of the TAE website:

<https://www.academyofexperts.org/member-area/covid19-guidance-centre>

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SAVE THE DATE 4th November 2020



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TAE Website Development

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving member services TAE has been planning for some time a revamp of our website. This is now nearing completion and the new site will be going 'live' at the beginning of July.

With a modern look and being mobile friendly we anticipate the new site will help drive The Academy forward.

Full instructions for how to access the website, update your details and use the member resources will be sent to members before we go live to ensure we have the smoothest possible transition. A sample of the instruction manual is shown below.



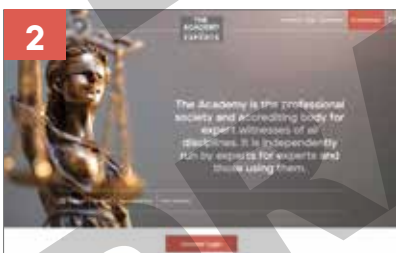
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Steps for logging in



Log in

Top right of your screen sits a panel, click **'Member Login'**, a box will appear where you will need to input your **username** and **password**, once entered click the red Login button. You can also log in using the Member Login button below the 'Lady of Justice' image.



My Membership

Now you are logged in the red 'My Membership' button will appear and as long as you are logged in it will stay there to remind you are logged in.



Membership Dashboard

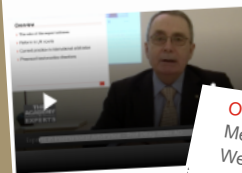
After logging in you will go straight to your 'Member Dashboard', where you can edit your profile and submit changes, look at what events your are booked on through the 'My Events' panel.

See more overleaf



Catch Up with Member Meetings Online

Experts in International Arbitration Meeting Held On: Wednesday, 12 February, 2020



Online Dispute Resolution Meeting Held On: Wednesday, 13 July, 2016

As with domestic litigation appointed experts in

Forensic Science Regulator Meeting Held On: Wednesday, 13 March, 2019



of dispute is changing rapidly so than ODR (Dispute Resolution). The role of the Forensic Science Regulator provides an opportunity to understand and how it is appropriate regime of quality standards in the Criminal Justice System is

VIDEOS AVAILABLE

Evening Meeting recordings are available from the member area of the TAE website

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Online Surveys

A number of organisations are producing research on the ways that COVID has affected Dispute Resolution and Litigation.

Two surveys that we would encourage members to participate in are:

- ❑ Bristol Law Society - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/IGICN4/>
- ❑ HKA - <https://tinyurl.com/y9zunta6>

No need to mute!

Working from home has brought with it a number of challenges. Not the least of which is the prevalence of online meetings in the home rather than telephone calls from the office. Background noises, whilst understandable can be an unnecessary distraction but thankfully technology has a solution.

In addition to leading platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams now using AI to filter out unwanted noise there are a couple of very useful apps that members might want to look at:

- ❑ krisp.ai - available for most platforms
- ❑ RTX Voice - requires a specific hardware

Both applications can filter out unwanted noise to a large extent and are either free or very inexpensive to use.

Internet Register Renewals

A reminder that next month (July) is when the subscription for your online entry is due for renewal. To ensure you are getting the most benefit from your subscription please do take a minute to check all your details are up to date.

If you are not showing in the online register this is the ideal time to apply to join as you will receive thirteen months for the price of twelve.

Electronic Signatures

The response to the Covid-19 pandemic has led forensic science providers to consider new ways of working. One issue that has been raised is whether reports/statements have to be physically signed with ink. This matter has been discussed with the Crown Prosecution Service.

The signature on a report/statement does not have to be created by physically signing the report/statement using ink. Electronic signatures are acceptable. Rule 5 of the Criminal Procedure Rules recognises this and section 7 of the Electronic Communications Act 2000 provides that such signatures are acceptable.

There are no specific requirements (technical or otherwise) for electronic signatures but the signature must be added to the report/statement by, or on the authority of, the person making the report/statement Electronic Signatures.

Member Meetings Online

Our next two member meetings are as follows:

Meetings of Experts

Jeremy Nicholson QC
1st July 10.00 BST

Wasted Costs

Professor Dominic Regan
27th July 10.00 BST

Meetings are recorded and posted online after the event.
Lord Neuberger's 'At Home' will be available from the new website.

June

Wednesday	10	➤ Council Meeting
Wednesday	10	➤ President's Dinner
Wednesday - Thursday	17-18	➤ Foundation Course (2 Days)
Wednesday	24	➤ Law & Procedure
Thursday	25	➤ Into Court
Tuesday	30	➤ Into Court

July

Wednesday	1	➤ Member Meeting - ONLINE
Wednesday	1	Website goes live
Wednesday - Thursday	15-16	➤ Expert Determination (2 Days)
Tuesday - Friday	21-24	➤ Foundation Course - 4 Afternoon Sessions
Friday	24	➤ Gray's Inn Treasurer's Reception - CANCELLED
Monday	27	➤ Member Meeting - ONLINE
Tuesday - Wednesday	28-29	➤ Law & Procedure - 2 Morning Sessions
Thursday	30	➤ Into Court
Friday	31	Gray's Inn Hall closes for Lunch

September

Wednesday	9	➤ Member Meeting
Tuesday - Friday	15-18	➤ Foundation Course
Friday	25	➤ Into Court

October

Wednesday	14	➤ Annual General Meeting
Wednesday	14	➤ Joint Member Meeting - CI Arb East Anglia

November

Wednesday	4	➤ TAE Council
Wednesday	4	➤ President's Dinner - London TBC

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January

Friday	29	➤ Chairman's Lunch - London
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Unless otherwise shown all courses/meetings will be held online until further notice.

Some training courses are held as half day sessions - full details online.

TAE dates are published in the **Events Calendar** - www.academyofexperts.org

Key to events:

- Academy Courses
- Academy Events & Meetings
- External/Joint/Supported Events