



PEOPIL CONFERENCE 6 & 7 JUNE 2008
At the WESTIN Hotel Valencia Spain
PROGRAMME¹

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Thursday, 5 June 2008

2 p.m. Meeting of the PEOPIL General Board

7.30 p.m. Welcome Reception

Friday, 6th June 2008

8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.

Registration

09:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

John Pickering, President of PEOPIL

Welcome Francisco Real Cuenca - Dean of the Valencia Bar Association

Chair: John Pickering

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Giuseppe Abbamonte, Head of Unit

Unfair commercial practices and other consumer protection legislation

European Commission, Health and Consumer Protection Directorate General

The on-going reform of EU consumer contract law

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Coffee

11:15 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

Diana Wallis, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Update on limitation and collective redress

11:35 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Prof. Dr. Camelia Toader, Judge, European Court of Justice

Recent case-law of the ECJ on the jurisdiction in insurance matters.

12:00 p.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Practical session on implications of Rome II/ Hague Conference / Regulation 44 / 2001 Bruno Paris, Avocat à la Court

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Legal and practical implications of Spanish tourism

issues – hotel accidents, inadequate security Prof. Miquel Martin Casals, José Maria de Lorenzo

3:00p p.m.- 3.:30 p.m.

Coffee

3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m.

The practical use of EU and ECHR human rights in legal proceedings,

Krombach –Bamberski a case study

Prof. dr. T.(Tom) Barkhuysen, Leiden University

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4:15 p.m. - 4.45 p.m. Panel discussion and questions

4:45 p.m. AGM

7:30 p.m.

Drinks reception Kindly sponsored by

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8:00 p.m.

Gala dinner and dance Kindly sponsored by

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Chair: Antoinette Collignon

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Punitive damages

9.30 a.m. – 9.50 a.m.

US experience

Kathleen Flynn Peterson, President of The American Association for Justice

9.50. -10.10 a.m.

European overview Prof. Dr. Marco Bona Research

10.10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.

Rationale of Punitive damages, Arguments for and against, Prof. Dr. Ina Ebert, Munich Re

10:30a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Coffee

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Products liability current issues

11.00 a.m. – 11.20 a.m.

**Les Weisbrod, President elect of The American Association for Justice,
recent developments regarding the Viox and Hormone Replacement Therapy from an US perspective**

11.20 a.m.-11.40 a.m.

John Beer recent developments regarding the Viox and Hormone Replacement Therapy European problems

11.40 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

**Panel Session regarding EU Commission Study:
Compensation of victims of cross-border road traffic accidents in the EU: comparison of national practices, analysis of problems and evaluation of options for improving the position of cross-border victims.
Panel: John Pickering, Clive Garner,
Prof. Dr. Marco Bona,**

12.00 p.m.

End of conference

Register now for the.....

PEOPIL

Annual Conference
2008

**Valencia -
5th to 7th June 2008**

■ The city



The beautiful Mediterranean city of Valencia is Spain's third largest city. Recently described as 'Europe's best kept secret', it really is **the** place to visit. It offers a mixture of the old and the new from Gothic buildings to trendy bars and restaurants. It is also surrounded by superb beaches that are renowned to be the best in Spain.



One of the major tourist attractions in Valencia is the amazing City of Arts and Sciences which is equally fascinating to adults and children alike. The city is now firmly established on the European art circuit with galleries containing works by El Greco, Goya and Velázquez. Valencia hosted the 2007 America's Cup, so a visit to the port is a must.



Visit the Jardines del Turia, which stretch almost 10km through the heart of the of the city, a stream of manicured gardens incorporating cycle paths, modernist architecture and chilled cafes.

Tourists love Valencia because of its pleasant weather, the old town filled with interesting sights, building and museums, vibrant nightlife and superb restaurants there is always something to do or see in Valencia.

■ Getting there.....

Valencia International Airport can be reached by numerous low cost airlines from all over Europe. From the airport, passengers can get to the city, which is about 8 miles away, by taxi, bus or subway. Passengers may also opt to hire a car from the airport and drive to the city themselves.

Valencia is on the N220, A3 and N 335 motorways which are connected to Madrid, Barcelona and other Spanish cities. It is easy to drive from Europe to Valencia and then connect to these motorways that will lead you into the city.

Eurolines is the most commonly used coach service that commutes between several major European cities.

Rail Europe stops at many cities in Spain including Valencia. The train departs from major cities in Europe and the services are reliable and fast, however you do need to make a train change at the border due to rail gauge differences.

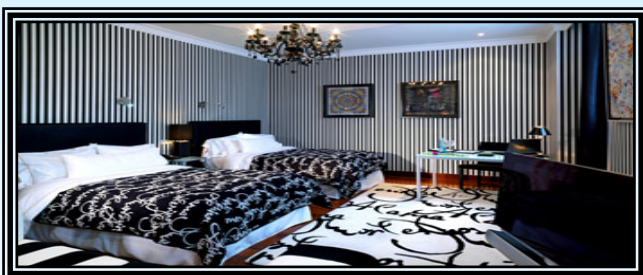
Daily ferries commute between Ibiza and Mallorca to Valencia. There are also several other ferry services from many Spanish ports to Valencia.

■ Where to stay.....



This years Conference Hotel is **The Westin Valencia**

The hotel which opened in 2007 occupies one of the most impressive structures in the city. The building was originally constructed in a modernist style dating from 1917. Situated within walking distance from the historical, cultural, and shopping centre of Valencia, it is the perfect location for discovering the city.



On site parking, 135 beautiful guest rooms combine a classic style with avant-garde technology, many having private balconies with outdoor Jacuzzi. High Speed Internet Access. Five ultramodern meeting rooms and one banquet room make the hotel the perfect location for this years conference.

Delectable cuisine is offered in two restaurants, *Rosmarino Mediterranean Restaurant* and *Oscar Torrijos Gourmet Restaurant*. Unwind in the informal atmosphere of El Jardí Lobby Bar, or enjoy an exotic cocktail at H-Club Valencia.

Replenish your energy and rejuvenate your soul in the 850-square meter Caroli Wellness Centre. It includes a Gym, therapy pool (only available for adults), sauna, Hamann, relaxing area, aromatherapy and colour therapy shower, and eight multifunctional treatment rooms.

The hotel is a 100% smoke-free environment



■ What's in store???......

Thursday 5th June 2008 7.30 to 9.00 pm

An evening **Pre-Conference Reception** for delegates and guests. Enjoy meeting friends old and new over complimentary drinks and canapés.

Friday 6th June 2008

Work.....

The delegate's day begins with registration at 8.30 am and at 9.30 am John Pickering, President of PEOPIL and distinguished conference guests will welcome delegates to this year's conference. See the attached programme for full details of the day.

...or play....

Delegates' partners and guests can enjoy the day wandering around this beautiful city, spend the day at the beach or relax in the hotel spa. This year, because of the diversity of the city, we do not offer a formal tour.

7.15 pm '**Champagne Reception**'.

8.00 pm. Join us at this years **Gala Dinner** in the beautiful La Exposición Ballroom at The Westin Valencia. Enjoy a three course dinner with colleagues and friends and then dance the night away to live music.

Saturday 7th June 2008

The day for delegates begins at 9.30 am; again, see the attached programme for full details.

■ So – what are you waiting for?

