

## **HONG KONG SYMPOSIUM UPDATE**

1. You will all remember the rather grim report I gave to the Board in July. I attach the details of the complete programme, the draft budget, and an account of the sponsorship that Jody and her team have obtained. Further the Hotel, faced with our decision to cancel has succumbed to Jody's team's blandishments and has agreed to postpone our booking until July 2021 on the basis that HKIAC or HKIMC or any member of the organisations who wishes can use the booking for a seminar, conference or even a private reception! Thus I expect that IAM will recover most, if not all its deposit in the course of the next year.
2. You will see from the programme<sup>1</sup> that we have drawn together speakers from all over the mediation world. The sponsorship has been impressive and, as you will see from the draft budget, the costs will be covered and, in view of the Hotel's decision, in due course we are more than likely to recover our \$10,000 deposit we thought we might have to forgo. Phillip Howell-Richardson, Nicholas Pryor and I have agreed to give pro bono online advocacy training to the Hong Kong Bar the fees payable for which by those attending will be used to recoup some of the lost US\$10,000 deposit. That will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October and so far I believe some 40 lawyers have registered.
3. As yet we have no idea of the number of participants for the Symposium, but Jody has managed to secure a sponsor to cover the cost of ALL capsules being translated simultaneously into Mandarin so that we hope to attract participants from mainland China. This alone will enhance our international credentials and might perhaps provide a solution to the perennial problem with which IAM has wrestled for years and which is being examined by the Task Force you have asked me to chair. I hope that through ListServe we will encourage as many of our members as possible to sign up and participate. The opportunity to be seen participating in an international forum for any of our members who have or would wish to develop their international mediation practice.
4. Huge thanks to Jody and her team in Hong Kong for arranging the Symposium, and organising the speakers for the Far East and Pacific Day; equally grateful thanks to Nicholas Pryor for co-ordinating the UK and Europe section, and last but by no means least to Gene for co-ordinating the American Days, and Dwight for taking the responsibility for his capsule. Special thanks too to all our contributors from all parts of the globe, particularly those taking part live at fairly unsocial hours like Geoff Sharp and Allan Stitt.
5. You may recall that the proposed series of three consecutive virtual seminars was a suggestion I made in a long zoom meeting I had with Jody and CW Ling, the past chairman, and does present us with an opportunity to try out an idea which has emerged from my preliminary discussions and responses from the non-American IAM members as part of Task Force exercise I have been asked to conduct. Now I have enough to present responses from those non-American members to present some conclusions to the Board prior to my contacting the members from USA and Canada who have kindly offered to help. I would welcome comments and suggestions from Board Members. Once we have completed that series of consultation, I am aiming to present a full report to the Board by the end of the year.
6. I would hope that IAM members might be attracted to taking part in one of the regional Symposiums by attending themselves or helping to organise a session, or even perhaps offering some sponsorship by taking one of the packages which Jody and her Core Group will put together. I am also attaching the request by Gene for funding the videoing of the

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<sup>1</sup> <https://medsymp.hkiac.org/en/index.php>

presentations in Capsule 6, which I have agreed to present if professional commitments prevent him from attending the Board Meeting himself. I shall take part live in capsules 5 and 6 (in spite of the hour!) as it is a requirement of the Hong Kong body that CPD points cannot be awarded for solely virtual presentations.

8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Michel Kallipetis QC

President Elect

### IAM – HKMC Mediation Symposium (online) – 27 to 30 October 2020

As of 6 October 2020:

<b><u>Costs</u></b>	<b>In HKD</b>	<b><u>Income – Box Office</u></b>	<b>In HKD</b>
➤ Venue Booking @Harbour Grand Hong Kong Hotel	\$79,750	➤ Registrations @Symposium	\$12,000
➤ Simultaneous Interpretation (Putonghua)	\$46,400	➤ Registrations @ Advocacy Workshop - 50% shared with HKBA	\$10,625
Recording Expenses	\$1,000 USD		
➤ Website (medsymp.hkiac.org)	\$31,500	<b><u>Income Sponsorships</u></b>	
➤ Website Simplified Chinese	\$11,500	➤ Simultaneous Interpretation Co-Sponsors	\$60,000
➤ Sponsors' Cocktail @ 14 Jan 2020	\$9,373	➤ Diamond (Maxwell Mediators)	\$19,500
➤ Temporary Assistant	\$13,000	➤ Gold (Addleshaw, Baker McKenzie, Des Voeux Chambers, eBRAM & Fangda Partners, Independent Mediators)	\$85,000
			\$7,800
		➤ Silver (Zhong Lun Law Firm)	\$10,140
		➤ Bronze (Deacons & Dentons)	
		(Sponsorships total)	(\$182,440)
<b><u>Total Costs</u></b>	<b>\$191,523</b>	<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>\$205,065</b>