

BIRMINGHAM LAW SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th JANUARY 2011

AT 8.30 AM AT HBJ GATELEY WAREING

In Attendance:	John Westwood (Chair)	Ilex
	Bernard Shepherd	HBJ Gateley Wareing
	John Hughes	Needham and James
	A. Henry	Henry Browne
	D Prentis	Cobbetts
Apologies	D Parnell	Sydney Mitchell Solicitors
	Tony Harris	Sydney Mitchell Solicitors
	Nilay Shastri	Miles Pierce
	Charles Bond	Cobbetts
	C Owen	St Philip's Chambers
	Raj Padiar	Carlton's Solicitors
	D Waterhouse	Rutherfords Solicitors
	T McDaid	No 5 Chambers
	S Cunnane	UKTI

The meeting was the rearranged meeting from Dec which had been cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

The Chair welcomed Dominic Prentis to the Committee and announced that Charles Bond was stepping down.

- 1. Minutes of the Meeting 7th June 2010** The minutes of the meeting were taken as read and approved by the Committee and apologies received as detailed above. The Chair informed the

committee that Alison Hook, International Director, was no longer with the Law Society. The Chair also asked the Committee to note the upcoming UKTI seminars on China and India, and if any of the Committee wanted to partake in these or the impending visit to Qatar, to contact Steve Cunnane immediately.

2. Barcelona/Frankfurt.

No developments although there had been a delegation from the Frankfurt Bar at the President's Dinner.

The Chair informed the Committee that he had had Xmas Greetings from the Rotterdam Bar.

The President had also received a delegation of Fugian students in December, unfortunately the Chair was unable to attend.

3. Future Delegations

We await to see what the arrangements are for Lyon this year.

Discussion centred on the possibility of reviving an International Conference in Birmingham in 2012. There were a number of issues raised re. timing, resources, finance and the Chair agreed to write to the Committee asking whether any were interested in forming a small group to look at the all of the issues involved and whether a conference was viable in the present economic climate.

4. AOB

The Chair noted Raj Padiar's request for any solicitor with knowledge of firms in St Kitts.

For the coming year 2011 Committee meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday every second month, the dates are:

8 Mar 8.30

10 May 8.30

12 July 8.30

13 Sept 8.30

8 Nov 8.30

5. Date of Next Meeting

8 Mar 2011 at 8.30 a.m Venue to be advised