

staying connected

Newsletter

Steve Young, Chief Executive Officer

I write following the success of our inaugural symposium held on Thursday 5th July 2018 at Riverbank House in the City of London. The event was a sell out and the agenda did not disappoint those who attended. Our association secretary, Basha, gives an overview of the feedback we received inside this edition.

I stressed during my opening remarks that listening is important, as associations exist for the benefit of their members. As such, your continued feedback is essential for us to develop. We are publishing this newsletter in response to the many questions we received as to how we intend to stay connected whilst the ACi website is under construction. Our answer is to issue this bi-monthly newsletter appropriately titled staying connected. The format will run along the same lines as the association executive committee with each member giving a news update on progress with their respective area of responsibility.



"I'm passionate about the topic of corporate investigations and global, but more importantly 'cross -industry' developments. The importance of good quality in-house investigations handling is gaining visibility and momentum. Technological developments are presenting exciting changes and opportunities for our field of expertise. ACi is the perfect platform to offer collaboration, networking, best practice standards and training for corporate investigators." Lisette Van Eenennaam

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Lisette Van Eenennaam LL.M. to the executive committee as the association General Counsel. Lisette is currently the Deputy Head, Office of Special Investigations & Senior Legal Counsel, Integrity, at ABB Group based in Zurich. We are delighted to have Lisette on board in such a critical role.

Call for action – ACi sponsor, partner or affiliate?

We are in the process of finalising our Sponsorships, Partners and Affiliates Policy. If you are interested in sponsoring, partnering or affiliating with us we would be delighted to hear from you. To discuss further please contact a member of the executive committee or send an e-mail to admin@my-aci.com and one of the committee will contact you.

Lastly, please stay connected.

Feedback from the ACi Symposium – Thursday 5th July 2018
Basha Galvin, ACi - Secretary



Over 120 people from over 60 organisations attended the ACi symposium hosted by fieldfisher. All the speakers and panellists rated highly in the feedback forms. Additionally, the range of agenda topics was well received. Many commented that there was insufficient time for questions at the end of speaker presentations. We are taking this on board for future events. Some of the comments we have received following the symposium are;

Panel sessions excellent, good to meet like-minded individuals, looking forward to the next event.

'Great day, very informative with outstanding speakers. Keep me posted on future events'

Education and training –keep me informed of future events.

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News from the Chief Operating Office Crawford Robinson, Chief Operating Officer

It was really encouraging to see the number of people, all with different backgrounds, experiences and skillsets, attend the inaugural Symposium for ACi. The palpable enthusiasm and open demonstration of how purposeful we all are for a truly representative forum for all involved in corporate investigations was beyond our hopes.

As I said during the panel session and in conversation with many of you individually, my role as Chief Operating Officer, along with the rest of Executive Committee is to help garner all our collective abilities to deliver that vision. Collaboration, inclusiveness and professionalisation are key. Behind the scenes we are already working, with your support, on the building blocks: a membership administration system that will provide effective and efficient administrative support, policies that clearly and transparently articulate how the ACi will operate, a non-profit business model that will be reflected in the membership profile, fee structure and offerings, as well as the key strategic element you all said you want: networking, education and training.

One other important piece of work of the ACi is to harvest many of the capable sector-specific forums already in existence so that collaboratively we can strive to achieve even greater things. I will be working quietly behind the scenes over the next few months to understand and develop those relationships with key stakeholders across all industry sectors. If you are in a specific sector that you believe has already a strong voice in the area of investigations, I would be delighted to hear from you. Equally, if you belong to a sector where there is no, or at least minimal representation, then please do get in touch via email (crawford_robinson@bat.com).

Education & Training – the way forward Stephen Storey, Chief Education & Training Officer

After catching our breath following the symposium, the executive committee debriefed and considered the insightful feedback, and, rather humbly reflected on, offers of support and assistance (thank you!) to develop the area of education and training. Mapping out the next steps has admittedly been a little slow during August, which was to be expected. Presently being arranged is a working group comprising of 20~ senior representatives from various sectors and companies who will assist, (hopefully) using resources from their respective organisations, to garner feedback, develop and implement a training strategy, which meets potential future member's requirements. More to follow once the working group has formally been assembled and convened in October.

One short-term milestone for us is to attain Certified Professional Development (“CPD”) status for our events. Research is underway to start the accreditation journey, and iteratively add courses/events as our future academy takes shape.

In the meantime, the primarily focus is to keep momentum in the ACi's offering, and our proposal is to organise a one day training event in January 2019. Aimed at practitioners, this event will be scenario based using immersive training techniques. And with access to a panel of experts to advise on decision making and situational quandaries, delegates will be “immersed” in the detail and case themes. Through soundbite knowledge and awareness

presentations from experts, delegates will learn about the latest tools, insights and legal developments. We are in discussions with a prospective venue partner and are hoping to open registration in November/December.

Interested in the event? Please do get in touch and we will add you to the expressions of interest list: email us at admin@my-aci.com or Contact Us via our [website](#).

Policies - making progress

Katie Hodson, Chief Administration Officer

Who said “Either write something worth reading, or do something worth writing”? Well, we have been doing our best to do both.

Drafting the policies for the ACi is an important undertaking. ACi is committed to conducting business in an ethical and honest manner, and to implementing and designing systems that ensures the association acts professionally, fairly, and with integrity in all business dealings and relationships, wherever we operate.

Here are the current policies we are have been busy drafting:

Sponsorships, Partnerships and Affiliates Policy – This policy provides a framework through which third parties can sponsor, partner or affiliate with the ACi. Many existing associations share in part the mission, aims and objectives of the ACi. There can be mutual benefits to having a formal affiliation with other associations (or non-profit bodies) which respect each other’s membership base. This policy sets out the criteria and benefits of ACi sponsorship, partnership or affiliations.



Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy - This anti-bribery policy exists to set out the responsibilities of ACi and those who work for us, in observing and upholding our zero-tolerance position on bribery and corruption. It also exists to act as a source of information and guidance for those working for ACi.

Membership Policy – Who can join the ACi? What will it cost? What are the membership benefits? All are important questions that we seek to address, in this critical policy.

Privacy Policy – Following the introduction of the EU’s General Data Protection Regulation, we drafted this policy, which governs our protection of your personal data. This policy sets out your rights in respect of how the ACi uses your data and describes our commitments during processing. Our privacy policy is posted on our temporary website at: <http://www.my-aci.com/privacy.html>

Finance – funding is essential

Dmitry Bazhenov, Chief Financial Officer

I am delighted to report that following the success of the symposium and the fact we sold out well in advance of our registration closing date we reached our revenue target.

This was an essential financial goal. It has enabled us to embark on our project to source suitable Association Management Software (AMS). We have a small project team working with AMS vendors who will then recommend a suitable choice to the executive committee. AMS is a necessary operating platform to manage the day-to-day administration of the association. Part of the package includes our website, which we will construct once we have purchased an AMS platform. We intend to make the best use of technology in running the association and this includes the financials. Mark is leading the project but he has assured me he has a close eye on costs.

I am also working with Katie on the membership fees as Katie is drafting the Membership Policy and on the Sponsorship, Partnerships and Affiliates Policy.

It is acknowledged that associations cannot function on membership fees alone to deliver best in class services to their members. As such, we have devised a policy, which allows for different levels of engagement. I will repeat Steve's call for action and we would like to hear from interested parties who would be interested in sponsoring, partnering or affiliating with us. This is particularly important to me as I have the responsibility of managing the financials. As a non-profit, we seek interested parties who share our vision and mission who wish to provide financial or other forms of support. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Regions – moving forward **Mark Gough Regional Head, Asia Pacific**

The development of the regional representation of the ACi in the Asia Pacific region is underway. Initial discussions with several key players in the investigations sphere have identified a reasonably large membership market for the future.

It has been identified that a symposium similar to that held in London in July could be the way to introduce the ACi to the region.

Further interactions with stakeholders in Singapore will take place in the coming weeks to identify a small core of persons to act as enablers to spread the message.

I am also leading the project team to source a suitable AMS platform. In this endeavour, I am grateful to Charles Brown from blackdot solutions for lending his expertise.

Vacancies

We are still searching for a Chief Technology Officer. The position, as with all ExCo positions, comes with additional work on top of your day job and no pay...if that has appeal and you have a passion for investigations then we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch via e-mail at: admin@my-aci.com. Please note our preference for this position is a candidate holding a technology role in an existing corporate.