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FICPI ABC Meeting

19 – 23 June 2016 / Celtic Manor Resort, South Wales

FICPI-UK is delighted to announce preliminary details of the programme for the **2016 FICPI ABC Meeting, from Sunday 19th – Thursday 23rd June.**

Venue: The Celtic Manor Resort <http://www.celtic-manor.com/>

The Celtic Manor Resort is set in 2,000 acres of panoramic parkland in the beautiful Usk Valley in Wales, just off the M4 (J24), only 90 minutes from London Heathrow, 45 minutes from Bristol or Cardiff Airports which both have links to major European hubs. The hotel is located close to intercity rail services at Newport, with direct trains to London Paddington, Cardiff and Birmingham.

FICPI ABC Working Programme

The sessions of the Working Programme will take place from 9am-12.30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We are delighted to confirm that one of our guest speakers will be **The Rt. Hon. Professor Sir Robin Jacob**, who will update us on latest developments about The Unified Patent Court in Europe.

Topics in other sessions will include: Enforcement and Litigation in the US and Canada; What is considered Prior Art in the ABC countries – a comparative view; Hague and Madrid Agreements; Electronic Patent Offices; Latest updates from the UK, US and Canada.

Further details of topics and speakers will be listed in due course on www.ficpiwales2016.com



Afternoon & Evening Group Programme

Sunday 19th June :

Delegates' arrival and welcome BBQ on Terrace at 6.30pm.

Monday 20th June:

Afternoon - **St Fagans National History Museum.** An open-air museum in Cardiff chronicling the historical lifestyle, culture, and architecture of the Welsh people.

Evening - **The Hardwick.** The group will dine at one of Wales' best known restaurants with award winning head chef Stephen Terry, who recently had the honour of serving a banquet for Barack Obama, David Cameron and other world leaders at the 2014 NATO summit.

Tuesday 21st June

Afternoon - **Big Pit National Coal Museum, World Heritage Site.** You will be taken to this former coal mine and one of the world's best preserved mining museums. The highlight of the visit is the hour-long underground tour, led by ex-miners.

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Roman Caerleon and Tintern Abbey. Caerleon, known as Isca Augustus to the Romans was the location of a Roman fortress and settlement. Visible remains include an amphitheatre, baths and barracks. Following this you will be taken to Tintern Abbey on the banks of the River Wye.

Evening - **Cardiff Castle.** Located within beautiful parklands at the heart of the capital, Cardiff Castle's walls and fairytale towers conceal 2,000 years of history. Drinks will be served in the Library, complete with all its original furnishings. We will then take the impressive Octagon Staircase to reach The Banqueting Hall.

Wednesday 22nd June

Afternoon - **Golf on the Montgomerie Course.** Offering a spectacular par 69 challenge, the legendary Colin Montgomerie has called on all his Ryder Cup experience to create a course with many exciting tests of strategy. Spectacular views abound with dramatic tee shots over valleys and breathtaking downhill shots.

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Cardiff Bay Cruise. The regeneration of Cardiff Bay is now widely regarded as one of the most successful regeneration projects in the United Kingdom. You will be able to take a relaxing afternoon cruise around the bay and see the sights of the bay area and the famous barrage.

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TeamSport Indoor Karting. Hop into state-of-the-art karts and put the pedal to the metal on this exciting multi-level circuit. A sweeping flyover, tight hairpin bends, cornices and fast straights – it's all here. Try to beat the average lap time or just have fun with your colleagues.

Evening - **Gala Dinner** in the Augusta Suite at the Celtic Manor.

Delegate Guests' Morning Programme

Monday 20th June morning

The Royal Mint. Gain unprecedented access to The Royal Mint to discover the people and events behind the coins in your pocket, and hear some surprising stories from their history.

or,

Shopping in Cardiff. Cardiff is a capital for shopping, with a spectrum of charming Edwardian and Victorian arcades and ultra-modern shopping centres. There's something for everyone.

Tuesday 21st June morning

Celtic Culinary Class. Join one of the talented chefs in the Celtic Manor kitchen to roll up your sleeves and get hands-on at a cookery masterclass.

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Stem Florist. Come and try your hand at becoming a florist and get to grips with the art of flower design with professional florist Jackie Williamson. This session is perfect for those wanting new ideas or anybody interested in learning new techniques in a relaxed environment.

Wednesday 22nd June morning

Tredegar House. You will have a private guided tour of Tredegar House. This is one of the architectural wonders of Wales and one of the most significant late 17th-century houses in the whole of the British Isles.

Registration & Accommodation

Registration will open shortly on the ABC meeting website:
www.ficpiwales2016.com

Accommodation will need to be booked directly with the hotel on +44 (0)1633 410 226 before the 28 March, stating that you are part of the FICPI meeting in order to obtain the group room rate.

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