

IAIR Annual Conference and AGM 2024

“Modernizing Insolvency Practices to Address Future and Present Demands”

16th – 19th September 2024 ~ Washington, D.C.

**Hosted by IAIR working in partnership with the Department of Justice,
the International Monetary Fund & the World Bank Group**



This year's IAIR annual conference is hosted by the International Association of Insolvency Regulators ("IAIR") working in partnership with the Executive Office of U.S. Trustees of the Department of Justice, the International Monetary Fund ("IMF") & The World Bank Group.

IAIR is delighted with this partnership and wishes to thank the IMF for their kind generosity of the use of their conference facilities for the duration of the conference and to thank the World Bank Group for their generosity in hosting the welcome reception on the Monday evening. Without this help and support it would have been a lot harder for IAIR to host this conference in the heart of DC's business district.

The theme of this year's conference is "**Modernizing Insolvency Practices to Address Future and Present Demands**". We trust that the conference, and particularly this year's theme, will enable delegates as officials of insolvency regulators to share experiences and learning as we develop our systems to provide the best possible insolvency services for individuals and businesses. It will also provide an opportunity to learn more about current trends and recent developments in the insolvency world whilst meeting fellow regulators, sharing common challenges and networking.

Our IAIR conferences have been growing in size and popularity. The 2023 conference in Serbia attracted 62 delegates from 33 individual members and organisations and we have every reason to believe that we will exceed those numbers this year in Washington, D.C. This conference will provide delegates with an opportunity to become part of this active network of regulators all working to provide the best possible insolvency regimes in their own country.

If you have any questions relating to the conference registration, booking and payment you can contact me at secretariat@insolvencyreg.org.

If you have any questions in relation to the hotel accommodation or specific USA issues you can contact the USA based team in the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees at ustp.iair2024@usdoj.gov.

I, Rosemary Winter-Scott the Executive Director of IAIR, as the host of this year's conference, as well as Ramona Elliott from the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees, Anjum Rosha from the IMF and Will Paterson and Antonia Menezes from the World Bank, all look forward to welcoming you to this year's conference in Washington, D.C.



Rosemary Winter-Scott OBE FIOD
IAIR Executive Director



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IAIR Chair
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Conference Agenda

Please note this conference agenda is still being developed and may be subject to further change.

Day 1 – Monday 16 September

Time (US EDT)	Session Topic	Venue
12.00 – 13.30	Registration and networking opportunity	Lombardy Hotel 2019 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
13:30 – 16.00	Tour of the Capitol Building Please note if you wish to participate in the tour you need to collect your IAIR lanyard from the registration desk first.	Meet in reception of the Lombardy Hotel for bus to the Capitol
16.00 – 17.45	Registration and networking opportunity	Lombardy Hotel
16.30 – 17.30	Executive Committee meeting (Executive Committee members only)	World Bank Main Complex 1818 H Street NW Washington DC 20433
17.45	Meet in the reception of the Hotel to walk to the welcome reception	Lombardy Hotel
18.00 – 20.00	Welcome Reception and Formal Welcome to Washington, D.C. & the IAIR 2024 Conference (Drinks with Hors d'oeuvres)	World Bank Main Complex 1818 H Street NW Washington DC 20433
20.00 – onwards	Free session	

Day 2 – Tuesday 17 September

Time	Session topic	Speaker	Venue
08.20 – 08.30	Meet in the reception of the Hotel – to travel as a group across to the IMF building		Lombardy Hotel 2019 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
08.30 – 09.30	Registration and morning coffee/tea – and extra time allowed to complete registration for the IMF building passes. Delegate bags will be issued during this period inside the IMF building.		IMF Building 700 19th street, Washington DC 20431
Session 1 09.30 – 09.40	Welcome and conference opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramona Elliott, IAIR Chair • Rosemary Winter-Scott, IAIR Executive Director • Yan Liu, Deputy General Counsel, IMF • Harish Natarajan, Practice Manager World Bank 	
Session 2 09.40 – 10.10	Plenary 1 Keynote speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Prelogar, Solicitor General of the United States (TBC) 	
Session 3 10.10 – 11.20	Plenary 2 Round Table - Member updates An opportunity for all members to update delegates on their key achievements and challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants 	
Session 4 11.20 – 12.05	Morning coffee/tea and official photograph		

Session 5 12.05 – 12.35	Plenary 3 World Bank update and summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonia Preciosa Menezes, Senior Financial Sector Specialist-Insolvency & Debt Resolution, World Bank Group • Will Paterson, Senior Financial Sector Specialist-Insolvency & Debt Resolution, World Bank Group 	Session 5 12.05 – 12.35
Session 6 12.35 – 13.05	Plenary 4 IMF update and summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brendan Crowley, Counsel, IMF 	
13.05-14.00	Lunch		
Session 7 14.00 – 15.00	Workshops Session 1		
	Workshop 1A Funding Models for an Insolvency regime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miranda Killam, Deputy Superintendent, Canada • Richard Dennis, Accountant in Bankruptcy, Scotland 	
	Workshop 1B Intelligence-led regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Beresford, Chief Executive & Inspector-General Australia, AFSA 	
15.00-15.30	Afternoon coffee/tea and networking		
Session 8 15.30 – 16.15	Plenary 5 - Panel Debate New Approaches to Supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jelena Todic, Director of the Supervision and Profession Development Unit, Serbia • Hugo Sanchez, Superintendent of Insolvency and Entrepreneurship, Chile • Kamila Sawicka, Chief Specialist Commercial Law Department, Poland 	

Session 9 16.15 – 16.55	Plenary 6 SMEs - a simplified approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Tracy, Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Trustee Program • Tasporn Jinuntuya, Legal Officer and Bankruptcy Specialist, Thailand • Cathy Shivan - Director of Insolvency Supervision & Michael Dillon, Director of Legal, Ireland CEA 	
Session 10 16.50 – 17.00	Summary of the day and confirmation of arrangements for the formal dinner		
17.00 – 18.10	Free session		
18.10	Meet in the reception of the Hotel to travel to the formal dinner venue		
18.30 – 22.00	Formal Conference Dinner – Sequoia, Georgetown		

Day 3 – Wednesday 18 September

Time	Session topic	Speaker	Venue
08.30 – 09.00	Morning coffee/tea and networking – note please allow sufficient time to clear security at the IMF building		IMF Building 700 19th street, Washington DC 20431
Session 11 09.00 – 09.05	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAIR Chair 	
Session 12 09.05 – 9.50	Plenary 7 Diversity	IAIR Diversity CoP including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamidu T. Higi, Uganda Elisabeth Lang, Canada Dean Beale, UK Tim Beresford, AFSA 	
Session 13 9.50 – 10.50	Workshops Session 2		
	Workshop 2A Strategies to Address Untrustworthy Debt Advisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elisabeth Lang, Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Canada Francis Ng, Official Assignee & Official Receiver, Singapore Diarmuid Gorham, Senior Counsel, U.S. Trustee Program 	
	Workshop 2B Stigma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael McNaughton, Director, Insolvency Service of Ireland Suresh Dan, Deputy Supervisor of the Office of Insolvency, Trinidad and Tobago 	
10.50 – 11.15	Morning coffee/tea and networking		
Session 14 11.15 – 11.45	Plenary 7 IAIR Diversity Scholarship Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sylvia Wairimu Githungo, Assisrtrant Official Receiver, Kenya 	
Session 15 11.45 – 12.15	Plenary 8 Spare session speaker to be identified – but may be used for additional new member presentations	TBC	

12.15 – 13.10	Lunch		
Session 16 13.10 – 14.10	Workshops Session 3		
	Workshop 3A Digital Transformation of Regulatory Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agnieszka Forowicz-Janicka, Deputy Director, Ministry of Justice, Poland • Zbigniew Wiśniewski, Head of IT & Court Registers Department, Ministry of Justice, Poland • Inese Steina, Director, Insolvency Control Service, Latvia 	
	Workshop 3B Data Collection Frameworks for Personal Insolvency Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anjum Roshia, Senior Counsel, IMF • Jose Garrido, Senior Counsel, IMF 	
14.10-14.35	Afternoon coffee/tea and networking		
Session 17 14.35 – 15.05	Plenary 9 UNCITRAL update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suresh Dan, Deputy Supervisor of Insolvency, Trinidad & Tobago 	
Session 18 15.05 – 16.05	Annual General Meeting (IAIR Members only)		
16.05 – 18.00	Free session		
18.00	Meet in the reception of the Hotel to travel to the informal dinner		
18.30 – 21.30	Informal Dinner – Unconventional Diner, Mount Vernon Square		

Day 4 – Thursday 19 September

Time	Session topic	Speaker	Venue
08.15 – 08.45	Morning coffee/tea and networking – note please allow sufficient time to clear security at the IMF building		IMF Building 700 19th street, Washington DC 20431
Session 19 08.45 – 08.50	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAIR Chair 	
Session 20 08.50 – 9.20	Plenary 10 Repairing the Damage: Insolvency and the UK Post Office scandal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean Beale, Inspector General & Chief Executive, UK Insolvency Service 	
Session 21 09.20 – 10.15	Workshops Session 4		
	Workshop 4A Financial Awareness, Education & credit counselling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miranda Killam, Deputy Superintendent, Canada • Hugo Sanchez, Superintendent of Insolvency and Entrepreneurship, Chile 	
	Workshop 4B Can the bankruptcy system make allowance for clients with mental health crises?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Dennis, Chief Executive, AiB Scotland • Plus TBC 	
10.15-10.30	Morning break and networking		
Session 22 10.30 – 11.40	Plenary 11 Presentations from New Members of IAIR including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malaysia • Latvia • Estonia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azwarnida Affandi, Deputy Director General of Insolvency, The Malaysian Department of Insolvency • Inese Steina, Director, The Insolvency Control Service, Latvia • Signe Viimsalu, Head of Insolvency Division Insolvency Division of Estonia 	

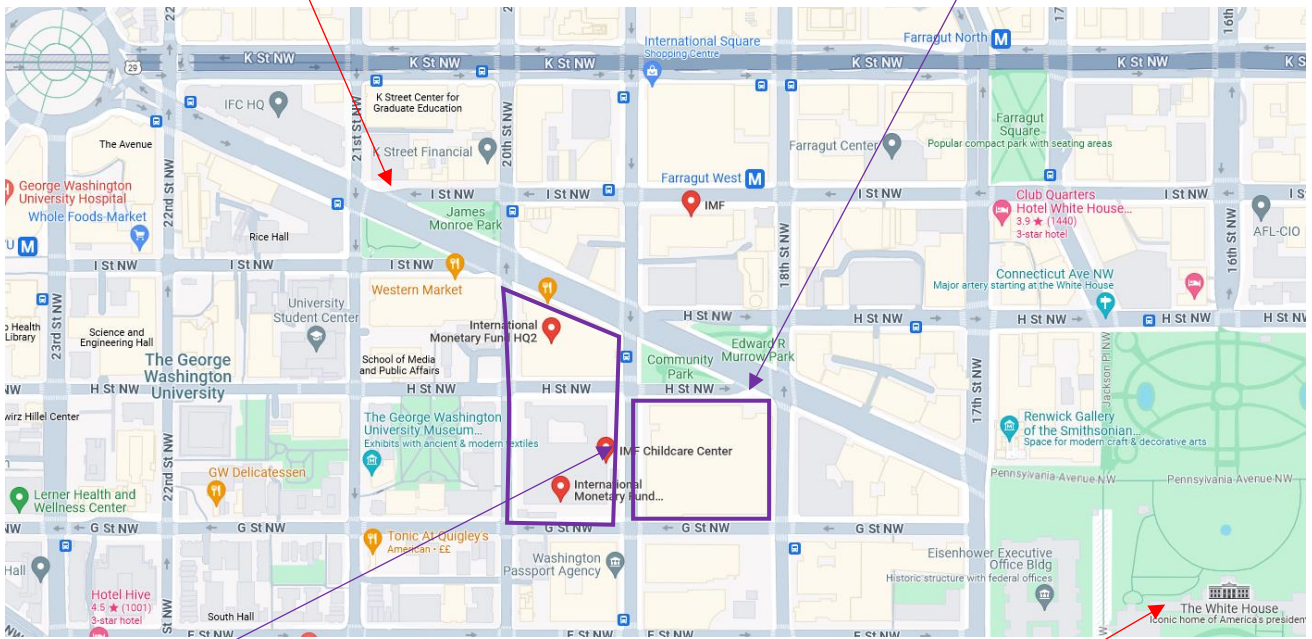
Session 23 11.40 – 11.50	Handover to New IAIR Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the host of IAIR 2025 • Formal handing over of the IAIR Flag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hugo Sanchez, Superintendent of Insolvency and Entrepreneurship, Chile 	
Session 25 11.50 – 12.00	Formal Closing of the Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New IAIR Chair • IAIR Executive Director • Yan Liu, Deputy General Counsel, IMF 	
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch		
13.00	Delegates depart or are free to explore Washington D.C. and the surrounding area.		

LOCATIONS

IAIR's 2024 conference is based in the heart of D.C's business district and a short walk from the White House.

Lombardy Hotel
2019 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

World Bank Group Building
World Bank Main Complex
1818 H Street NW



International Monetary Fund
Using the visitor's entrance at
700 19th street, Washington DC 20431

The White House

CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATION

Lombardy Hotel

2019 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20006

0.2 mile from the IMF and World Bank

The Hotel Lombardy sits at the intersection of 21st and I streets, on Pennsylvania Avenue, a couple of blocks (within 5 minutes walk) of the IMF and World Bank Group buildings.

<https://www.hotellombardy.com>



IAIR rates

IAIR has negotiated a rate of **\$261** not including taxes per night (i.e. \$302 including taxes) which is at the USA government rate for Washington, D.C.

IAIR members have the option to purchase a fixed breakfast menu voucher for \$24 per day upon arrival or can purchase breakfast ala carte each day at the Café Lombardy. Additionally, for those who do not wish to dine at the hotel, opposite the IMF building is a CVS store that sells food items and there are several cafes in the area.

How to book

Early booking/reservation is encouraged to avoid disappointment. IAIR has an initial allocation of 40 bedrooms for the duration of the conference (Monday to Wednesday night) and if these are sold there is no guarantee that IAIR members will be able to book rooms at the special quoted IAIR price. September is a busy month for visitors to Washington, D.C. and hence there is always competition for rooms and prices will rise as we get closer to the date of the conference.

The following link can be used to book the accommodation.

[Hotel Lombardy Booking Link](#)

SOCIAL EVENTS

Monday 16th September 2024

Afternoon Tour - 13.30 - 16.00 hrs

A visit to and tour of the Capitol building.

The United States Capitol, often called the Capitol or the Capitol Building, is the seat of the United States Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government. It is located on Capitol Hill at the eastern end of the National Mall in Washington, D.C.



Our visit will take us to the heart of America's Legislative branch of government on a small-group tour of the U.S. Capitol.

Monday 16th September 2024

Welcome Reception World Bank Building 18.00 - 20.00 hrs

A formal welcome to Washington, D.C. and the IAIR 2024 Conference will be hosted by the World Bank in their building. This is an ideal opportunity to meet fellow delegates in an informal setting over drinks and Hors d'oeuvres.



Tuesday 17th September 2024

Formal Dinner – Sequoia, Georgetown

3000 K Street NW

<https://sequoiadc.com/>

The Sequoia is located on the banks of the Potomac River in Washington, DC. The floor-to-ceiling windows offer magnificent views of Arne Quinze's large-scale, site-specific sculpture in the garden, the Kennedy Center, Roosevelt Bridge, Roosevelt Island, Key Bridge, and the Virginia skyline. The main dining room features Hitoshi Kuriyama's neon and glass vacuum tube light installation. We will be able to enjoy a predinner drink outside on the terrace followed by dinner in the restaurant.



Though walkable from the Lombardy Hotel (about 1 mile), we are planning bus transportation for delegates.

Wednesday 18th September 2024

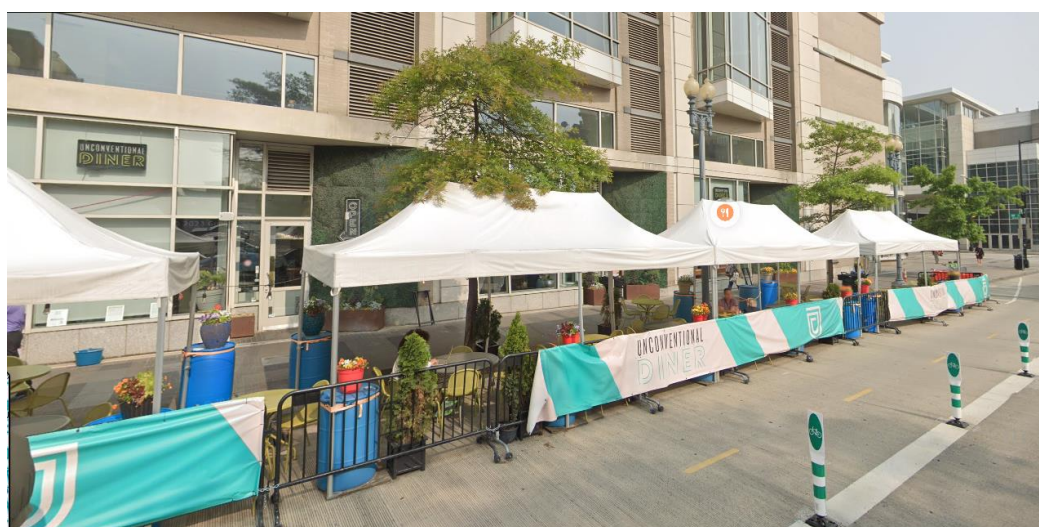
Informal Dinner – Unconventional Diner

1207 9th Street NW

<https://www.unconventionaldiner.com/>

An industrial-chic bistro, bar and restaurant located in the capitol business centre. Conceived by Chef David Deshaies and Restaurateur Eric Eden, *Unconventional Diner* serves inspired dishes that blend soulful comfort with haute technique.

About 1.6 miles from the Lombardy Hotel, bus transport will again be arranged.



CONFERENCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Conference Attendance

Non-members may attend the IAIR conference only by invitation or agreement of the IAIR Executive Committee. We welcome people who would be eligible to be members to come along to and attend our conference as a non-member to help them to learn more about our association before joining. If you are thinking about joining IAIR this may be an ideal opportunity for you to learn more about us and what benefits membership could bring you. However, to be eligible to be an IAIR member you must be a government employed national insolvency representative from a Government Department, Ministry, Agency or Public Authority that has responsibility in their country for one or more of:

- Insolvency Policy and Legislation
- Insolvency Practice and Administration
- Insolvency Regulation

The conference registration/delegate fee covers three days' attendance at the conference, conference refreshments and lunches, the tour on Monday, the welcome reception, the formal dinner and the informal dinner. Please note it does not include your accommodation, which you must book directly yourself and arrange payment directly with the hotel.

2024 Delegate /Registration Fees:

- IAIR Member Registration Fee £625
- Non-Member Registration Fee £975
- Accompanying Person Fee £500

Non-members have observer status only at the Annual General Meeting.

Accompanying Person

The accompanying person registration fee covers attendance on the tour, the welcome reception, the formal dinner and the informal dinner. Registered accompanying persons attending the social functions must be aged 21 or over and are defined as a participant's spouse or other personal relation who does not have a business interest in the conference. An accompanying person does not have access to the conference. Please note the fee does not include your accommodation, which you must book directly yourself and arrange payment directly with the hotel.

Dietary or Mobility or other Requirements

The registration form asks you to provide details of any special dietary or mobility requirements/access that you need for the event. We try to accommodate all such requests, but we do need advanced warning to make arrangements with the venues. Failure to record any such requests on the registration form may mean that we are unable to meet your needs adequately. The organising team will be in contact with you if we anticipate a problem in meeting any of your needs.

Conference Language

The IAIR conference is in English, and there are no translation facilities provided. Whilst those who are not fluent in English may wish to bring a colleague to help with some translation, this colleague will also be counted as a delegate and will need to be registered accordingly. Also, a lot of the work of the conference is undertaken in workshops and if you struggle with English you may find these sessions more challenging.

Payment & Refunds

Please note that your conference registration will only be confirmed in writing when full payment has been received and processed.

Where a delegate cancels, individual circumstances are always considered. Normally the following refund and cancellation policy applies:

- Cancel more than 4 weeks prior to conference – 75% refund
- Cancel 4 weeks or less prior to conference – no refund issued as the host country will have committed to your place with the conference venues.

The appropriate refunds will be made after the conference has taken place. Delegate substitutions within organisations are permitted. Substitutions may be made at no charge up until 7 days before the conference.

Delegate Information

IAIR takes your privacy seriously. We will retain and use your personal data to provide you with information on our services. Your name, job title, organisation name, country and email address will only be distributed to fellow conference attendees.

Conference Papers and Discussions

To do our part to save the earth we will provide the conference papers:

- in advance of the conference on the member's area of the IAIR website
- saved as files on a memory stick provided to delegates in their delegate pack at the conference registration.

We will not be making the conference papers available as a paper copy.

After the conference, IAIR members are welcome to share the conference papers and discussions with their colleagues in their own organisations. However, sharing discussions and any papers from the conference with a wider audience is not permitted without the explicit approval of IAIR and all of the authors of the papers. A key feature of the conference is that IAIR provides a “safe space” for regulators to share experiences and test developing ideas, strategies and legislation that is not always designed for a wider audience. This is one of the main reasons why IAIR restricts attendance at the IAIR conference to those eligible for IAIR membership or key partners.

Travel and Health Insurance

Delegates and accompanying persons are reminded that it is their responsibility to arrange travel and health insurance for the duration of their visit to the conference. IAIR shall not be responsible for, and shall be exempt from, all liability in respect of any loss, damage, injury, accident, delay or inconvenience to any person during the conference.

Delegates are advised to check the travel requirements of all countries they will depart from and enter during their journey to and from the USA.

IAIR will be undertaking every precaution to ensure the health and safety of delegates during the conference. The Executive Committee request that all delegates comply with any special precautionary measures that may need to be implemented to ensure the health and wellbeing of all delegates. Full details of any such requirements will be provided to delegates in advance of the conference.

Visa requirements

Please note that practically all visitors to the USA will need a Visa or ESTA and we advise any attendees to arrange such things well in advance, as these can take many weeks to arrange. You may find useful information at the following link: https://www.usimmigrationsupport.org/esta-uk/?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwkuqvBhAQEiwA65XxQJiE6jXqW5OS37fo0m7ev0OZutz72RMjT2mpgUA9U6z8pNTqImKJLBoCNS0QAvD_BwE.

Whilst the host team can help with letters of invitation and a USA-based contact to use on the application, it is the delegates' responsibility to arrange their visa requirements in a timely manner. Refunds will not be able to be provided, outside of the above refunds policy, to anybody who fails to attend the conference due to visa or immigration issues.

Social Events

As with previous years, the conference organisers have arranged an afternoon tour, a drinks reception, a formal dinner and an informal dinner for conference delegates, which all delegates are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend any of the evening events, then please ensure the conference organisers know this as IAIR will be charged for the number of expected attendees as finalised ten days before the event.