

AIPCE Annual Meeting 2007

The First Minister of Scotland, The Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP, will formally open the 9th annual meeting of the Alliance of Independent Press Councils of Europe (AIPCE) on the morning of Thursday 20th September. He will join Sir Christopher Meyer, Chairman of the PCC, in addressing the conference – which is being held in Edinburgh for the first time in its history.

The conference is the most significant annual event for European press regulators. Delegates representing media bodies and press councils from around 25 countries will be meeting over two days to discuss key issues such as media convergence and regulation in the digital age, privacy, newsgathering methods and freedom of expression. The conference will hear about developments in the European Commission's thinking from Adam Watson Brown.

There will also be observers from media councils in non-European countries such as Peru, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Zambia.

A formal dinner sponsored by Johnston Press - attended by delegates as well as Scottish media and political figures - will be held on Thursday 20th September at the Signet Library.

The main conference will be held at the Radisson-SAS hotel on Edinburgh's Royal Mile and will last from Thursday morning until Friday afternoon. More information about the conference is available from PCC Assistant Director, Will Gore (will.gore@pcc.org.uk or 07971 620571 - mobile).



AIPCE Conference 2007 – Agenda

Wednesday 19 September

- 6.00pm Royal Society for the Arts, Media & Creative Industries Special Interest Group Launch (Meet in reception at Radisson-SAS for departure)
- 7.15pm Welcome drinks followed by buffet dinner at Radisson-SAS

Thursday 20 September

- 9.15am Opening addresses – Sir Christopher Meyer, Chairman, Press Complaints Commission; Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP MP – First Minister of Scotland
- 9.30am Session 1: Country updates – 5 mins max per country
- 11.00am Coffee break
- 11.30am Session 2: The European Commission & media regulation – Adam Watson Brown
- 12.30pm Session 3: Country updates – 5 mins max per country
- 1.15pm Lunch
- 2.30pm Session 3: Country updates – 5 mins max per country
- 3.30pm Coffee
- 4.00pm Session 4: The Internet challenge – Extending the remit of regulatory authorities
Manfred Protze (Germany)
Flip Voets (Belgium)
Tim Toulmin (UK)
- 5.00pm Close of session
- 6.45pm Meet at Radisson-SAS for departure to Signet Library
- 7.30pm Formal dinner at the Signet Library, sponsored by Johnston Press Plc

Friday 21 September

- 9.15am Session 5: The changing boundaries of privacy
 Per Edgar Kokkvold (Norway)
- 10.15am Session 6: Harassment and physical intrusion – When should
 individuals be left alone?
- 11.00am Coffee
- 11.30am Session 7: Reporting of suicides – case studies and discussion
 Will Gore (UK)
 Daphne Koene (Netherlands)
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.15pm Session 8: Securing the co-operation of media to make regulatory
 systems effective
 Ljiljana Zurovac/Dario Novalic (BiH)
 Kela Leon (Peru)
- 3.15pm Coffee
- 3.45pm Session 9: Future projects, AIPCE website, 2008 conference and any
 other business
 Will Gore (UK)
 Taras Kuzmov (Ukraine)
- 4.30pm Closing addresses: Tim Toulmin (UK)
 Peter Studer (Switzerland)
- 5.00pm Conference ends
- 6.45pm Meet at Radisson-SAS for departure to dinner at the Scotch Whisky
 Experience, Sponsored by the European Publishers' Council

Saturday 22 September

- 9.30am Meet at Radisson-SAS for departure on guided museum/gallery tour of
 Edinburgh, Sponsored by Press Complaints Commission
- 1.00pm Return to hotel



Countries represented at the conference: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Kosovo, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, UK, Ukraine, and Zambia