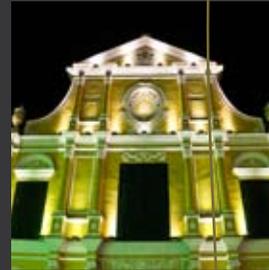




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# macau



57<sup>th</sup> congress • Preliminary programme

October 31 - November 4, 2013



Dear colleagues, dear friends,

For the first time in its history, the UIA is organizing its annual congress in China. This represents not only a shift in geographical latitude, but also recognition of the importance of the East and the Far East in today's world. Since December 20, 1999, Macau is a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China with a high degree of autonomy, which translates into Macau enjoying its own executive, legislative and judicial powers, its own customs, government departments under its own Executive and its own currency - the Pataca (MOP) - while its Defence and Foreign Affairs are

handled by the Central Government.

Macau is located within the Pearl River Delta, 60 km from Hong Kong and 110 km from Guangzhou. The industrial importance of Guangdong, together with the large waterborne traffic served by the harbors of Macau and Hong Kong, make this region one of the most dynamic commercial zones in the world.

Since 2002, Macau enjoys unprecedented economic development, with the liberalisation of the gaming industry. Gaming, together with tourism, leisure and services are the economic activities which most contribute to its economy. Thanks to this dynamic, Macau currently has practically no unemployment (2% in September 2012), nor big social gap between rich and poor. The GDP per inhabitant is around USD 66,000.

Member of the UIA since 1996, the Macau Lawyers Association (AAM), Professional Public Association by the 1991 law, regulates discipline and the profession. Although Macau is a Special Administrative Region, its lawyers' organizations are totally independent.

The congress in Macau is thus a unique opportunity to meet with lawyers from all over the Far East.

Welcome to Macau!

Jorge NETO VALENTE  
President of the 2013 congress



Dear colleagues, dear friends,

The UIA invites you on a wonderful journey next year: we will be heading to Macau and you will not want to miss this congress which promises to be exceptional in many ways.

Our congress will be taking place in China for the very first time! This is not a bit surprising since we all know that the world's centre of gravity is slowly shifting to Asia in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Macau, administered by Portugal for over 400 years, reverted to being part of China on December 20, 1999, but the Portuguese influence has remained.

Both Cantonese and Portuguese are thus spoken there, and the legal and judicial system based on the Portuguese model falls within the Civil or Continental Law system.

The Macau peninsula, a territory made up of two islands, gathers a population of over half a million inhabitants, with a higher density than those of Monaco and Singapore.

The economy is based on tourism, leisure, hospitality and services; however, Macau has become the main global centre of the gaming industry in the world, since the gambling sector represents today more than five times the activity and turnover of Las Vegas.

Around 30 million tourists choose Macau as a travel destination. You will belong to those coming to discover the unique character of Macau, combining Chinese and Portuguese cultures, such as the A-Ma temple, the Macau Tower, the Nobre de Carvalho bridge and numerous historical sites registered as Unesco World Heritage Sites since 2005.

You will also discover a friendly and welcoming population: Chinese, Portuguese and those combining both ancestries whom we call the Macanese people.

But above all you will come to meet UIA colleagues, regular congress participants or newcomers, and to work on the following topics:

- Corruption, legal certainty and the free market;
- The future of the profession: the changing status of the lawyer;
- Intellectual property and globalisation.

Each UIA congress is a key event; in a rapidly changing world, the Macau congress promises to be a major meeting to confront ideas and thoughts on the state of the world and our profession, meet friends, make new ones and leave with wonderful memories.

In addition, late October is the best season of the year and you will be able to organise a trip to Hong Kong or mainland China before or after the congress.

Along with the UIA team, I look forward to welcoming you all, enthusiastic and numerous, in Macau in October 2013.

Jean-Marie BURGUBURU  
UIA President



# Main theme

## ► Corruption, legal certainty and the free market

The theme of corruption is a major issue which is at the heart of the official concerns of the region's governments, but also of all economic players. It raises not only the question of the definition and punishment of illegal practices distorting the market and destabilising political power, but more widely leads to addressing the issue of the role of the State and law in a market economy and the possible contradictions between the sovereign function of the State - ensuring legal certainty - and the practices of some of its agents. Do various mechanisms of corruption destabilise the protective legal frameworks and undermine the normal and efficient operation of the market or, on the contrary, does the market adapt or even thrive on these mechanisms?

# Commissions and working groups

**General practice and human rights:** administrative law - art law - biotechnology law - business and human rights - criminal law - environmental law and sustainable development - family law - the future of the lawyer - health law - human rights - international criminal defence - international estate planning - judiciary - litigation - private international law - protection of lawyers - real estate law - rights of the digital person - sports law - tort law

**Business law:** banking law - bankruptcy law - competition law - computer and telecommunications law - contract law - corporate law - European Union law - financial services - foreign investment - immigration law and nationality - insurance law - intellectual property - international sale of goods - labour law - media law - mediation and conflict prevention - mergers and acquisitions - tax law - transport law

# Schedule

## ► Thursday, October 31

Opening ceremony and welcome cocktail

## ► Friday, November 1

Main theme

Working sessions of the commissions and working groups  
Informal reception

## ► Saturday, November 2

Working sessions of the commissions and working groups

## ► Sunday, November 3

Working sessions of the commissions and working groups  
Gala dinner

## ► Monday, November 4

General Excursion



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## A UIA congress is

- ▶ 1,000 lawyers from more than 70 countries
- ▶ 350 renowned international speakers
- ▶ 3 plenary sessions on topical international legal issues
- ▶ more than 30 working sessions of UIA scientific commissions and special meetings
- ▶ a varied social programme in attractive places
- ▶ a fascinating tourist programme for accompanying persons

## Macau is

- ▶ One of the richest cities in the world
- ▶ Portuguese and Chinese as the official languages and English widely spoken
  - ▶ A historic centre listed by the Unesco as a World Heritage Site
  - ▶ One of the biggest gambling cities in the world
- ▶ A great culinary variety blending Asian cuisine and Portuguese traditions



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