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Annual Conference in Poznań



Wojciech Celichowski
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Dear Pragma members and guests,

It is a great pleasure for us at *Celichowski, Szyndler, Wieckowska I Partnerzy* to host the 8th Pragma Annual Congress in Poznań.

The law system varies from country to country, but the fundamental spirit it aims to achieve is universal. We are confident that our social and professional meetings will permit you to engage in discussions on common themes among professionals of our network.

Poland is renowned for its traditional hospitality. A variety of activities will be scheduled so that you can experience Polish culture and gastronomy. I firmly believe that all Congress participants and accompanying persons will enjoy their stay and return home with their minds and spirits enriched.

We look forward to seeing you in Poznań!

New members

Two Italian offices joined Pragma as from 1st May 2008. Welcome to these new members!

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Agenda



- From 7th to 16th November 2008:
Trip to Shanghai and Beijing, China

Meeting with Chinese lawyers and presentation of the legal system in China - Meetings with the European Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai and other Chinese institutions - Tourist visit of Shanghai and Beijing (Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City).

JCCP 40th Anniversary Celebration in Paris



Members of the French network Jean-Claude Coulon Partenaires on the stairs of Paris Court on 19th September 2008

180 lawyers and administrative staff members of the French offices of Pragma as well as four foreign Pragma members attended the celebration of *Jean-Claude Coulon Partenaires'* 40th anniversary in Paris last month.

During this event, film interviews of French managers of the offices of this network remembered the great entrepreneurship spirit of its founder, Jean-Claude Coulon. In the evening, all the guests were invited to a Seine dinner and dance cruise.



Members of Pragma during the celebration.
From left to right: Michel Lacroix (Pragma's Chairman, France), Wojciech Celichowski (Member, Poland), Claude Martin (JCCP's Chairman, France), Cecilia Carla Mendes (Member of Pragma's Board, Portugal), Greg Wolton (Member of Pragma's Board, UK) and his wife. Salvador Balcells (Member, Spain) arrived later.

Merger news

As from Monday 14 July 2008 London Solicitors and Pragma members Gersten & Nixon amalgamated with RadcliffesLeBrasseur, which has approximately 120 lawyers based in offices in Central London, Leeds and Cardiff.

The merger has gone extremely well. The amalgamation will provide a wider breadth of legal expertise which a considerably larger practice can offer while continuing to maintain a close personal involvement with clients. Gersten & Nixon are therefore now practising under the name RadcliffesLeBrasseur.

Greg Wolton has joined as a partner in the corporate department, Hugh Sullivan as a partner and Dominic Green as an assistant solicitor in the litigation department, and Carol Kohll in the property department.

RadcliffesLeBrasseur was founded over 150 years ago and has a strong company commercial team as well as litigation, property and private client work (tax, wills and probate). It has particular strength in the healthcare sector and a strong commercial client base.



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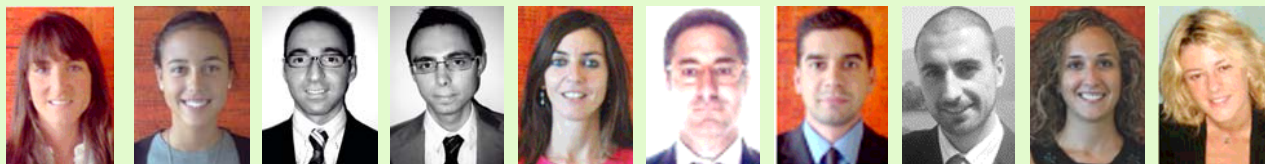
View of Westminster, London
RadcliffesLeBrasseur are based in Great College Street, just South of Parliament Square and opposite the Houses of Parliament.



New entries in Pragma's 2008 directory



Aurélié Lejeune JAN, Pontoise, France	David Raso Manubens, Barcelona, Spain	Elisabetta Conte Interconsulting, Milan, Italy	Fabien Gay-Belille JAMP, Toulouse, France	Giorgia Cara Studio Irrera, Torino, Italy	Gonzalo Germán Giussani CCVZ, Buenos Aires, Argentina	Juan Pablo Aguilar CCVZ, Buenos Aires, Argentina	Laeticia Boidin JAIF, Paris France	Marie Sauter JA BFC, Dijon France	Mina Di Iorio St.Rossi-Gerosa, Lecco, Italy
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Nuria Vila Manubens, Barcelona, Spain	Monica Valls Manubens, Barcelona, Spain	Pietro Baldon GC Consultants, New York, USA	Pietro Stuardi GC Consultants, New York, USA	Pilar Hernandez Manubens, Barcelona, Spain	Roberto Galiero Interconsulting, Milan, Italy	Rodrigo Quintas Manubens, Barcelona, Spain	Sebastiano Garufi Orienta, Lugano Switzerland	Silvia Portillo Manubens, Barcelona, Spain	Valentina Fissore Studio Irrera, Torino, Italy
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Summer's winner



Thomas Normand,
Juristes Associés du Nord
Lille
France

Congratulations to Thomas Normand, the winner of our competition draw with the correct answer to last issue's question "Do you know what the popular etymology of the word "posh" is?"

The answer was:

a) "Posh" derives from the expression "Port Out, Starboard Home". It was easier to guess if you had watched the movie "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" and its famous Posh Song.

Thomas will be given his prize in Poznań in October during Pragma's 2008 Conference.

Taking the oath of lawyer in Brittany

Laurent Doucet (*Juristes Associés de l'Ouest, Nantes*), member of the French network of *Jean-Claude Coulon Partenaires*, took the oath of lawyer last Spring. Pragma congratulates him.



Laurent Doucet was congratulated by the partners of *Juristes Associés de l'Ouest* after taking the oath to Rennes Court. From left to right: Jacques Le Caer, Yann Jubault, Laurent Doucet and Patrice Servel

My traineeship with G.C.Consultants in New York



Giuseppe Brusa, Managing partner of G.C.Consultants, New York and Juan José Olle

Juan José Olle, tax lawyer at *Manubens y Asociados* in Barcelona, spent one month at *G.C.Consultants*, New York last Summer for a traineeship period that he describes as very profitable both professionally and personally.

Juan José made the most of the working days to study books, balance sheets and to cooperate with some of the members of the office, whom he thanks for always being available and helpful.

During week-ends he enjoyed the magic attraction of "the city that never sleeps" where there are plenty of places to see and museums to visit.

"Thank you for the tickets to the Giants!!
Best regards to all my friends of G.C. Consultant!!
Ciao!"

Juan José Olle



Juan José Olle with members of G.C.Consultants, New York. From left to right: Giacomo Di Mattia, Pietro Baldon, Juan José Olle and Pietro Stuardi.

Exclusive interview for Pragma!



See in the next newsletter the exclusive interview of Juan José Olle: "I had the privilege to meet Barack Obama and John McCain during my stay in New York. Both agreed that Spanish ham is the best of the world!"

Celebrity news

They have had a baby lately. Pragma congratulates the new parents!

Congratulations to Thomas Normand, *Juristes Associés du Nord, Lille, France*, for the birth of Valentin on 1st August 2008.



Valentin

Spitting image

Many thanks to our new "victims"!

From left to right:

Nicolas Barbier
JCCP
Paris, France

Jeremy Irons



Yves Morrier
JAIF,
Paris, France

Marlon Brandon
in "Mutiny on the Bounty"

