

Minutes of the PG meeting litigation and dispute resolution held in Brussels, Belgium on May 12, 2017.

1. Johan opened the meeting apologizing for the fact that the meeting started too late because of problems with the room in which the meeting took place.
For this reason he wanted to be very short in welcoming everybody in his introduction.
2. He mentioned that the development of the PG is very encouraging and that the number of members is increasing.
The meetings are successful and since the European conference of 2016 there have been meetings in Bangkok, a standalone meeting in Miami, Florida and a meeting during the Italian Business Summit. The next meetings scheduled for 2017 are Vancouver, Canada, during the world conference in Vienna and again a stand-alone meeting in Florida.
Johan mentioned that most probably this meeting will take place on a cruise ship and will be a round-trip to the Bahamas. He informed that at the moment possibilities were looked into.
3. There is an exchange of work on a regular basis and the number of referrals is increasing.
More and more referrals are coming not only from lawyers but also from tax advisors, accountants etc.
4. Johan asks again for volunteers willing to assist him in the work connected with the PG. There are only three members really participating in organizing things etc. He mentioned Karl Friedrich Dumoulin, who takes care of the newsletter, Patrizia Giannini and Gustavo Traversoni who are also active in organizing meetings.
5. There are chairpersons in all regions. Still there are no vice chair persons in every region.
The regional chairperson has to take care of that soonest!
6. Also Johan reminds the regional chair persons that they have to sign the practice group leader rules.
7. The tasks of the regional chair persons are amongst others organizing regional meetings and to keep contacts going with the PG members in that region and to report to the global chairperson.
8. Johan starts the usual speed dating asking the members not to use more than two minutes.
9. After the speed dating Johan introduces the two speakers of that day, Michiel Teekens and Patrick van Leynseele.
10. Following the presentation several items are discussed.
11. Johan invites everybody for a drink at the hotel bar at 1800 hrs. instead of 1830 hrs. so everybody can go directly to the dinner at Train World.
12. The meeting is adjourned.