

Bulletin No. 17December, 1968Annual General Meeting

The fifth annual general meeting of the Association was held at Aldermary House, Queen Street, London, E.C.4, on 30 September, 1968, when the following elections were made for the ensuing year:

President:	Dr. C. E. Golding
Vice-Presidents:	H. A. L. Cockerell G. W. Shaw
Chairman:	R. Wyeth
Vice-Chairman:	D. C. McMurdie
Hon. Secretary:	M. A. Cohen
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Committee:	K. S. Cannar ✓ <del>D. J. B. Gatenby</del> Dr. E. Jenkins ✓ <del>R. A. Sims</del> D. J. Walker Prof. G. S. A. Wheatcroft ✓

After the usual business of the annual general meeting had been conducted, the members were addressed by Mr. Mark Weinberg, Managing Director, Abbey Life Assurance Company, on "Some Tax Sidelights on the Finance Act, 1968". The text of Mr. Weinberg's address appears elsewhere in this Bulletin.

"Some Estate Duty Aspects of the Finance Act, 1968"

This is the subject of the next meeting of the Association which will be held jointly with the Life Assurance Legal Society on 14 January, 1969, at Aldermary House, Queen Street, London, E.C.4. The meeting will commence at 6.30 p.m., coffee being served from 6 p.m. Members will be pleased to learn that we have been fortunate enough to persuade Mr. Mark Weinberg to address us again.

"Transit Risks - Air, Sea and Road"

This will be the subject of the meeting to be held on 11 March, 1969. Please note the date in your diaries. Details will be announced later.

Canadian Insurance Law Association

A new branch of A.I.D.A. has been formed in Canada to be known as the International Association for Insurance Law in Canada. The Secretary is Professor Allen Linden of York University, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, and we are hopeful that Professor Linden and other representatives from the Canadian Association will be present at the Colloquium to be held in Oxford in 1969. The Committee has agreed that B.I.L.A. should liaise with the new Canadian Association and that publications should be made available to each other.

Colloquium

Progress has been made with the International Colloquium of which we gave preliminary notice in the September issue. The arrangements to date are that the Colloquium will be held from 9 to 13 September, 1969, at Magdalen College, Oxford. The cost is estimated to be approximately £25 per head. Discussions are proceeding with other interested bodies and it is hoped to announce firm details of subjects and speakers at an early date.

Diploma in European Legal Studies

We have received details of a new diploma course in European legal studies which the Faculty of Law at the University of Exeter are planning to introduce in October, 1969. In advertising the course the university make the following observations:

"The European Communities have been established without reference to Great Britain and the longer the British access is delayed the more difficult it will be for this country to play a constructive role in Europe. The law of the Communities is based on Civil law and has been developed according to Civil Law philosophy. British lawyers, whether University graduates or not, receive no training in European Law. They are thus initially at a disadvantage when faced with Community Law.

"Irrespective of British membership there is already a considerable volume of business activity between this country and the European Communities which is most likely to expand. With the British access not only an increased volume of legal business will have to be conducted in accordance with the Community Law,

but British lawyers will also be called upon to play their part in the evolution of the Communities.

"Recognising the urgent need for such experts the University of Exeter has decided to institute this course with a two-fold object: to study the Community Law and the Civil Law system upon which it is based and to introduce the British lawyer to the problems he is likely to encounter in practice. The Syllabus will include:-

- (1) A comparative study of the main European systems of law, their sources and traditions.
- (2) A study of the legal and political institutions of European economic organisations.
- (3) A comparative study of Constitutional Law in Europe with reference to the effect of membership of European organisations on the constitutions of member states.
- (4) A study of the European Community Law with reference to Commerce and Industry.

"The Faculty of Law of the University of Exeter has been recognised by the European Communities as a Centre of European Documentation and in that capacity receives copies of official publications. A specialist Library relating to this Course is being built up.

"Applications are invited from University graduates (including those graduating in the summer of 1969) and persons holding approved professional qualifications relevant to legal and commercial business.

"Application forms may be obtained from:-

The Academic Registrar,  
University of Exeter,  
Northcote House,  
The Queen's Drive,  
Exeter, Devon."

#### Prescription and Limitation of Actions

We reported in our March issue that the Association, at the invitation of the Scottish Law Commission, had submitted a memorandum on the subject of damages for injuries causing death. It is gratifying that the Scottish Law Commission have now approached the Association to submit evidence on Memorandum No. 9 which deals with prescription and limitation of actions.