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AIJA is the only global association devoted to lawyers and in-house counsel under 45. Since 1962 AIJA provides outstanding international opportunities for young lawyers to network, learn and develop.

AIJA is proud to be organising the 57th International Young Lawyers' Congress 2019: the event ANY international young lawyer should attend.



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ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME



Our 2019 Annual Congress will take place in Rome, a city where history crawls from every crack.

Ancient Rome was confident of its immutability: Roma Caput Mundi (Rome, Capital of the World). The fall of Rome seemed unthinkable to its citizens at the time but, as it failed to embrace a sustainable model, it unavoidably collapsed.

As XXI century International Young Lawyers we shall engage in the creation of a legal sustainable environment for a digitalised and globalised world. An environment where our fellow citizens and clients can grow, develop and remain sustainable.

Join us in Rome, where an incredibly motivated Organising Committee has put its Italian passion and savoir-faire to steal your heart with a memorable Congress in a unique setting.

We have prepared a Congress for you to network, learn and celebrate our profession in a way no other International Association can offer you.

In 2019... Ci vediamo a Roma!

Xavier Costa

President of AIJA 2018/2019

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A WARM WELCOME TO *Roma*



Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to invite you to Rome for the 57th International Young Lawyers' Congress.

The Eternal City founded nearly 3,000 years ago, famous for its ancient ruins, classical architecture, renaissance palazzos and baroque fountains is waiting for AIJA!

The historic center of Rome is one of the most significant, historical, and impressive world heritage Unesco sites in the world. Rome is a living and open museum: from the Colosseum to the Pantheon, passing by the Roman Forum, from the Trevi Fountain to the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo.

Rome is also famous for food, fashion and its vibrant life: you can experience the top cuisine of one of the many Michelin star restaurants or the typical "cucina romana" in a trattoria, ride a vespa in the tiny streets of the historical centre, shop in Via Condotti, or make a wish at the Trevi Fountain. These will certainly convince you to come back to Rome and live the La Dolce Vita lifestyle.

The Organising Committee will make sure you enjoy and benefit from a genuine local experience during your stay in Rome, starting with the Opening Ceremony on Tuesday,

the Home Hospitality dinner in a typical Italian style and finally, the Gala Dinner on Saturday night.

Our congress hotel, Parco dei Principi Grand Hotel & Spa is a top-class venue, with its swimming pool and a charming spa, located in the very heart of the Eternal City and surrounded by a botanical garden with a gorgeous, and very privileged view over the Villa Borghese park. Elegant, luxurious and modern, it is an oasis in which you can experience a memorable Congress in Rome.

The Congress will bring together AIJA delegates and friends from all over the world for the largest global event dedicated to international young lawyers, providing business and networking opportunities, while visiting one of the most fascinating cities in the world.

We believe that the 2019 annual Congress of AIJA in Rome will be an unforgettable event as well as possibly one of the biggest annual Congresses.

As the saying goes "All roads lead to Rome", we look forward to welcoming you and offering you a true Roman experience.

Manuela Cavallo

Chair of the Organising Committee

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SUSTAINABILITY AND THE LAW: PLANET. PEOPLE. FUTURE.

Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

This is how the concept of sustainable development was defined in the 1987 report of the Brundtland Commission tasked by the UN to formulate a global agenda for change to achieve sustainable development by the year 2000 and beyond. As defined back then, sustainable development encapsulates what should be a goal of the highest importance for all. No less. But now, more than 30 years later, with the world population having increased by 2.5 billion people since 1987, ever present global poverty, escalating refugee streams, failure to achieve unity of effort in addressing climate change and challenges to free trade, one might ask whether sustainability is a reachable reality or merely a utopian dream.

However, giving up on sustainability is not an option. During the 70th General Assembly in 2015, the UN adopted a resolution to transform our world with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the motto "Leave no one behind". The agenda contains 17 ambitious goals which show that sustainable development is a much broader concept than environmental protection. These goals reveal the many facets of sustainability and an all-encompassing approach to overcome various challenges and achieve sustainable development.

Choosing sustainability as the main theme of the 57th International Young Lawyers' Congress in Rome may be a small step in the grand scheme of things, but it rightly follows two other topics that we have been discussing at the 2017 Tokyo Congress and the 2018 Brussels Congress: artificial intelligence and globalisation. In short, how do we make our digitalised and globalised world sustainable? It is without question a relevant topic for a global association like AIJA. Awareness and action are needed, and there is undoubtedly a legal response to the challenge that is sustainable development.

We are therefore very pleased to invite young legal professionals from all around the world to join us for an inspiring and ambitious scientific programme. Think of sustainability as more than an abstract aspiration, and you will realise that there are numerous aspects of sustainability to consider, many or all of which have impacted or will impact your field of law. As lawyers, we have a role to play in the sustainable development of the world.

We look forward to seeing you in one of the world's oldest and most fantastic cities that has managed to sustain life for 28 centuries: The Eternal City of Rome!

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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CONGRESS VENUE

PARCO DEI PRINCIPI GRAND HOTEL & SPA

Enjoy the 57th International Young Lawyers' Congress while staying in one of the most exclusive hotels in Rome. Parco dei Principi Grand Hotel & Spa has a privileged location in one of the most refined areas of the city, overlooking the Villa Borghese gardens. It is only a few minutes away from Via Veneto, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and the world-famous Via Condotti.

The Roma Fiumicino international airport is about 30 km from the city centre and is well connected by highway and express train service. The main Railway Station Termini is only a few minutes by taxi or by public bus with a stop just 50 metres from the hotel.

The design of its 179 rooms showcase a pleasing harmony of textures and colours, from silk-threaded wallpaper, textured wall panels and refined wooden hardware on custom-made furnishings. Most of the guest rooms feature exterior windows and balconies to let in natural lights, while some of them enjoy breathtaking views of the Vatican City. During their stay, guests can try a delicious alchemy of products of the earth and sea that is typical of the Italian food at the renowned "Pauline Borghese" restaurant.

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CONGRESS GOALS

- Bringing together 800 delegates from all over the world
- Offering 50 hours of specialised, multi-disciplinary training with a comprehensive academic programme given by legal professionals
- Providing an international exchange platform to help build an effective and friendly professional network
- Bringing a wide range of social events over 5 days in some of the most prestigious locations in Rome

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

- 3 plenary working sessions in the morning organised jointly by several commissions
- Between 6 and 8 workshops, 90 minutes each. Panels, mock cases and debates on specialist topics
- Voice of the Profession session focused on the rule of law and the role of young lawyers integrated in one of the plenary working sessions
- Executive coaching sessions
- 20 scientific commission meetings. Open to everyone

ALL-INCLUSIVE SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- Speed-dating or other form of networking event
- Welcome Reception
- Opening Ceremony
- Home Hospitality Dinner
- Day out activities
- Gala Dinner

WHO IS THE CONGRESS DESIGNED FOR ?

International young lawyers and in-house counsel under 45.
Average age 35.

WHAT IS AIJA ?

- 4,000 individual members
- Present in 90 different countries
- Members from law firms of all sizes and cultures
- More than 50 collective bar association members
- 20 scientific commissions
- More than 20 events every year
- A unique platform of young lawyers to learn, network and share



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