

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition  
Law and Policy (ICC) and Crowell & Moring LLP  
Annual Conference 2010

**Trends and Developments in Global Competition Law**

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# Overview

This conference offers a unique forum for exchanging ideas and discussing recent developments in competition law across the globe. It brings together leading figures in the field from around the world including judges, competition officials, academics, in-house counsel and private practitioners. The conference combines the policy perspective of the London-based Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Law and Policy (ICC) with the real world experience of the international law firm of Crowell & Moring LLP.



# Format and Content

This will be a one-day event, with four major areas of focus: **international merger control; international cartel procedures; horizontal cooperation** and **vertical restraints**. Our aim on this occasion is to bring to our audience a comprehensive update of recent developments related to these topics which will be presented in an analytical and thought-provoking way by a high-level panel of speakers from around the globe. All of the topics will be illustrated by practical examples drawn from recent cases taken from the EU, US and other competition law regimes.

The issues to be addressed are:

## International merger control

- Review of the US horizontal merger guidelines
- Information exchange in horizontal mergers (coordinated effects)
- Recent developments in the regulation of non-horizontal mergers

## International cartel procedures

- Settlements in cartel cases:
  - First experience at EU level
  - Comparison of experience between the EU USA and Germany
- Issues of liability in cartel cases:
  - Single and repeated infringement and limitation period(s)
  - Liability of parent companies
  - The role of natural persons: should the EU Commission punish individuals?
- Recent developments in private enforcement:
  - Implications for cartel prosecution
  - Attaining the right balance against cartel leniency

## Horizontal cooperation

- Information exchange between competitors
- The new EU regime: cosmetic change or radical shift?
  - Revised block exemption (and guidance) for R&D
  - Revised block exemption (and guidance) for specialisation
  - Economic analysis in horizontal cooperation: past achievements and future challenges

## Vertical restraints

- The new regime for vertical restraints in the EEA
- Information exchange in vertical relationships
- Resale price maintenance: complexities, divergences and controversies



# Programme

## 7 May 2010, Marriott Hotel, Brussels

**8.30-9.00:** Registration and coffee

**9.00-9.15:** **Introduction and welcome by conference chairmen**  
Maher Dabbah (ICC) and Randy Smith (Crowell & Moring)

**9.15:** **International Merger Control**

Chair: Richard Feinstein, Director, Bureau of Competition, US Federal Trade Commission

Speakers: Thomas Deisenhofer, Head of Merger Unit, Information, Communication and Media, DG COMP, European Commission; Martyn Huckerby, Partner, Mallesons Stephen Jacques, Shanghai, China; Werner Berg, Partner, Crowell & Moring

**10.45-11.00:** Coffee break

**11.00:** **International Cartel Procedures**

Chair: Josef Azizi, Judge, President of Chamber, European Union General Court

Speakers: Kris Dekeyser, Head of Unit Cartel Settlements, DG COMP, European Commission; Wilko Töllner, Head of Special Unit for Combating Cartels, Bundeskartellamt; Jeff Blumenfeld, Partner, Crowell & Moring

**12.30:** Business lunch

**13.45:** **Horizontal Cooperation**

Chair: Joachim Bornkamm, Presiding Judge, German Bundesgerichtshof

Speakers: Donncadh Woods, Antitrust and Mergers Policy and Scrutiny, DG Comp, European Commission; Matthew Bennett, Director of Economics, UK Office of Fair Trading; Claudia Seitz, University of Basel

**15.15-15.30:** Coffee break

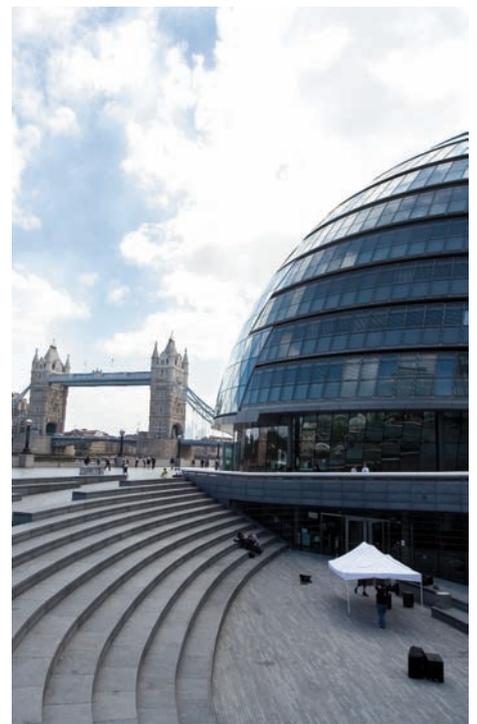
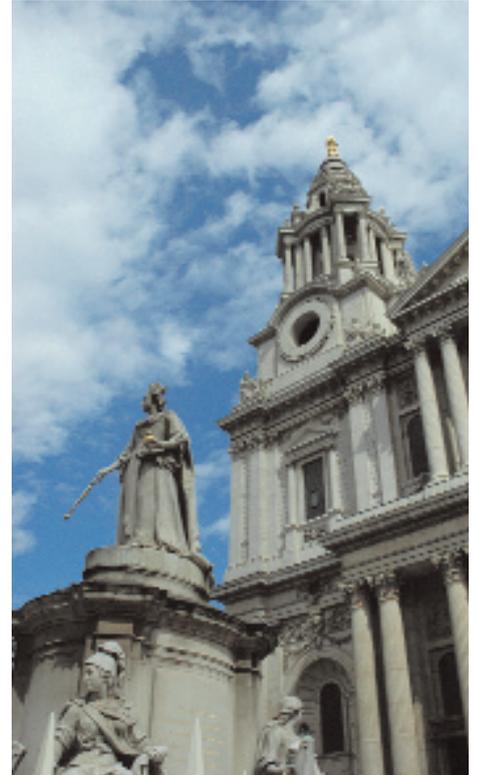
**15.30:** **Vertical Restraints**

Chair: Rob Lipstein, Partner, Crowell & Moring

Speakers: Peter Vandeghinste, Head of Antitrust, Nestlé. Stephan Simon, Deputy Head of Antitrust Unit, Consumer Goods, Basic Industries, Agriculture and Manufacturing, DG COMP, European Commission; Jean-Louis Fourgoux, Partner, Fourgoux and Associés

**17.00-17.15:** **Conclusions and reflections**

**17.15:** Reception



# The ICC and Crowell & Moring LLP

## The Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Law and Policy (ICC)

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Law and Policy (ICC) is a centre of excellence led by Maher M. Dabbah that delivers world-class work in the field of competition law and policy. The ICC conducts research and offers training to judges, lawyers, business people and enforcement officials in the field of competition law,

The ICC's mission is to:

- Build a strong, broad-based and well-informed competition law community
- Engage in competition advocacy and internationally recognised scholarship
- Deliver innovative training and consultancy to meet the needs and expectations of lawyers, economists, policy-makers, competition enforcement bodies, judges and business people

The ICC offers internationally-recognised PhD and (taught and distance learning) LLM programmes in competition law and policy (in addition to a strong undergraduate option in EC and UK competition law) as well as an impressive programme of shorter courses including training courses and a highly successful annual summer school in competition law. Since its inauguration in 2006, the ICC has welcomed hundreds of participants to these courses in London; hundreds more (mainly judges, lawyers, economists and policy-makers from over 35 countries) have benefited from training given in different parts of the world.

Among the current major projects undertaken within the ICC is its Middle East Initiative, which was launched on 1 January 2009 and comes to develop competition law and policy in this important region of the world.

The ICC also publishes a high quality, refereed student journal, the ICC Global Antitrust Review (GAR).

For further information on the ICC and its activities, visit: [www.icc.qmul.ac.uk](http://www.icc.qmul.ac.uk).

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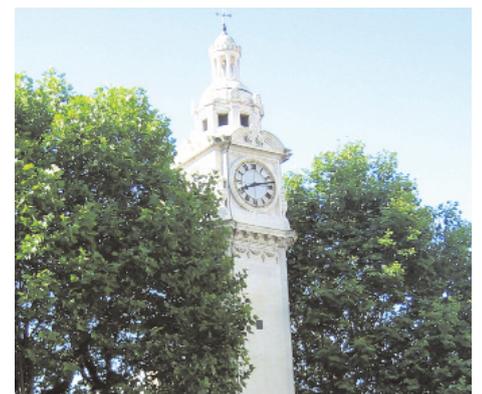
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