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## Third European Lay Judge Forum

in conjunction with  
**650 years of Justices of the Peace  
in England and Wales Jubilee**

**London, 22 - 24 July 2011**

Venue: Royal College of Surgeons of England, London  
35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PE, United Kingdom  
<http://www.rcseng.ac.uk/conference-venue-hire>



### OBJECTIVE

The conference is designed to elaborate a European Charter of Lay Judges which outlines the role of lay involvement in jurisdiction as an essential component of a democratic society. It aims to gain insights into different methods in involving lay judges and justices in jurisdiction in Europe. This will be done by conducting mock trials and workshops, in which lay judges from different European countries present their level of involvement in cases of civil and criminal law. It is planned that the results of these mock trials will be incorporated into the European Charter of Lay Judges.

On the occasion of the 650's anniversary of the institution of justices of the peace in England and Wales, the mock trials and the lay judge forum 2011 will be held in London.

The event is taking place within the project "European day of lay judges" which is funded by the European Commission. It is organised by the European Academy Berlin, the Federal Association of Lay Judges (Germany) and the Magistrates' Association of England and Wales.





## DRAFT PROGRAMME

## Friday, 22 July 2011

13.30

**Welcome and Introduction**

N.N.

**Magistrates' Association of England and Wales****HASSO LIEBER****Federal Association of Lay Judges, Germany**

14.00

**Visits to Supreme Court, Royal Courts of Justice, meet judges and ministry officials (tbc)**

18.00

**Reception at the offices of the Magistrates' Association of England and Wales**

## Saturday, 23 July 2011

09.00

**Lay judges in criminal tribunals: the case of England and Wales  
Demonstration chaired by the Magistrates' Association**

10.30

coffee break

11.00

**Levels of lay involvement in Criminal Cases across Europe  
Discussion chaired by N.N.**

12.30

Lunch break

**Exhibition: 650 years of Justice of the Peace in England and Wales (tbc)**

14.00

**Lay judges in civil tribunals: the case of judges in commercial matters  
Demonstration chaired by RAINER SEDELMAYER (tbc)**Austrian Association of expert lay assessors (commercial or trade justices);  
President of the European Association of Judges in Commercial Matters

15.30

coffee break

16.00

**Levels of lay involvement in Civil Cases across Europe  
Discussion chaired by N.N.**

17.30

**Finish**

The evening is free for participants' own activities



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**Sunday, 24 July 2011**

**09.00**

**A European Charter for lay judges: Discussion and Update**

chaired by

**MECHTHILD BAUMANN**

10.30

coffee break

**11.00**

**European Charter for lay judges: Practical Issues**

12.30

Lunch

**14.00**

**A European College of Lay judges**

**JOHN THORNHILL**

**Magistrates' Association of England and Wales**

**15.00**

**Final Remarks**

**HASSO LIEBER**

**Federal Association of Lay Judges, Germany**

**JOHN THORNHILL**

**Magistrates' Association of England and Wales**

**MECHTHILD BAUMANN**

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