



2009 - Year of Change

EIA Annual Conference, 30-31 March, London

The keynote speech at our 2009 conference will be given by **Dr Michelle Cini**, Senior Lecturer in Politics and Jean Monnet Lecturer in EC Studies at the University of Bristol. Michelle will reflect on the key developments of the past five years and look forward to issues facing the EU in the next five, including the forthcoming changes to **Parliament** and **Council** and possible developments with the **Treaty of Lisbon** and **enlargement** of the Union.

Caroline Boyle, Head of Outreach at the European Parliament in London will speak about the **EP elections**, including the information sources available. **Workshops** will focus on developments with **EUR-Lex**, the **Court of Justice**, national **implementation** of EU legislation, and how to improve **Europa**.

Following a **review of EU information 2008/2009** by EIA President **Ian Thomson**, we'll hear news of the **European Year of Creativity and Innovation**, a presentation on the work of **DG Interpretation**, and get an update on progress with making a **single home** for the Commission and Parliament in London.

We'll also be catching up on developments in the official networks, with presentations on **Europe Direct**, the **Enterprise Europe Network**, and **European Documentation Centres**.

Awards

Our annual **Awards for EU Information Sources** will be presented at the conference dinner, which will of course give delegates even more opportunity to make and renew friendships and to discuss EU information matters ...

Venue

Located near to Euston Station, the Methodist International Centre is easy to access and has been popular with delegates in the past - see www.micentre.com

Training day

We've organised a training course on the day after the conference. **Beyond the Big Three: lesser known routes to EU law making** is a new course, which will show how the Commission, Council and Parliament really operate, and shed light on the roles of the Court of Justice, agencies and lobbyists.

Conference cost

EIA Members £250 / €275 ; others: £350 / €390.

Price includes conference entry and refreshments, but not accommodation or evening meals; **training day cost**: £175 / €195 ; £245 / € 270.00.

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