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Welcome from the President

Dear All

I am delighted to invite you to attend our next Annual Congress in ancient Athens (Greece) from 4 to 7 October 2018!

Just by saying the word "Athens" one can't help but think of the oldest and biggest civilization in Europe, stretching back more than 3,000 years. Just imagine walking on the hill of Pnika or strolling the Ancient Market, places where people used to meet to discuss important public issues, places where democracy first appeared.

It is therefore a great venue for such an important business event like our 37th INSOL Europe Congress.

"Breaking the Chains", the theme of our Congress is truly fitting for Greece. The resilience, the calm and the strength of the Greek nation helped them overcome their economical crisis.

After all these difficult years, Greece's economy is growing again! This is just one example of what our organisation's professionals aim for: help nations after an economical decline to break the chains and prosper again.

During the Congress, we will tackle the most recent local and international subjects in business and insolvency – the proposed Directive on preventive restructuring framework, the Recast EIR, the NPLs and especially the hot topic of how modern technology is affecting the recovery business field.

A special thanks to our impressive Congress Technical Committee, that is preparing an interesting Technical Programme under the Chairmanship of Frank Tschentscher and George Bazinas.

Athens will be the perfect place for brainstorming, creating new connections, networking and meeting other like-minded professionals. And after the Congress, what could be better than having a great conversation, in the Greek spirit, with a new friend, listening to some traditional Greek music, while enjoying a glass of wine and a 24 degrees weather!

Looking forward to see you all in Athens!

Technical Programme 2018

"So far has Athens left the rest of mankind behind in thought and expression that her pupils have become the teachers of the world, and she has made the name of Hellas distinctive no longer of race but of intellect, and the title of Hellene a badge of education rather than of common descent." Isocrates

From 4 to 7 October 2018 we want to invite you to Athens for the Annual Congress of INSOL Europe. The main theme for the 2018 Congress is "Breaking the Chains".

Today's Athens is a global city and one of the biggest economic centres in south-eastern Europe. It has a large financial sector, and its port Piraeus is both the largest passenger port in Europe, and the second largest in the world. Although individuals have endured difficult circumstances since the start of the economic crisis in 2009,

"If you are looking to mingle, network and learn from arguably the highest concentration of European insolvency professionals at one setting, then the INSOL Europe Annual Congress is the place to be."
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its citizens have broken the chains of austerity and the city is on the rise again. Greece's economy expanded for a third straight quarter for the first time in more than a decade, providing a foundation for the country's attempts to exit its bailout programme this year. Moreover, the city's self-confidence and creativity are stirring again. Enterprising

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Frank Tschentscher, Schultze & Braun GmbH (Germany)



young fashion and graphic designers are opening shops celebrating the classic lines of ancient Greece and the anarchic wit of modern times.

We are once again working on a technical programme, appealing because of its diversity, as well as its rich insights into the world of business recovery, turnaround and insolvency around Europe and beyond.

We will cover topical matters related to European insolvency law as the update on the European Commission’s Directive proposal on preventive restructuring frameworks of 22 November 2016. Indeed, the European Parliament has presented a first draft report on this proposal on 25 September 2017. Moreover, as most of the Recast European Insolvency Regulation’s provisions have been in force since 26 June 2017, its first practical applications after one year down the road as well as the cooperation and communication between courts in EU cross-border cases will be covered.

An update of the status of negotiations between the European Union and the United Kingdom on Brexit will of course be provided. Moreover, the constant amendment of Greek insolvency law and para insolvency legislation imposed by Greece’s international creditors, who are searching in vain for the “Holy Grail”, will also be presented. Finally, the relationship between law and economics and its future will also be analysed.

Our panels will also focus on one of the most burning issues of our time: Legal Tech and how is modern technology affecting the work of advisers, insolvency practitioners, insolvency courts.

If a common refrain is that technology can’t replace human beings, the insolvency world must break these chains: the future of insolvency is indisputably in technology. Being proactive and staying on the front foot will inevitably lead the insolvency actors to achieve sustainable success. Against this background, the Anti-Fraud Forum session will focus on how new information technologies can help in practice in recovering assets.

The impact of digitalisation on insolvency and restructuring practice will also be approached as we are in a new era of secured and anonymous transactions operating on Blockchain. Indeed, the insolvency practice will unquestionably be challenged with the question of protecting and recovering digital assets.

Finally, practical and sectorial topics will also be presented as the different ways of dealing with distressed assets sales and non-performing loans. The restructuring and insolvency issues of the auto making industry will be covered as well as the crackdown of offshore companies.

We trust that you will enthusiastically join with us in discussing interesting developments in Athens where you will have the opportunity to network and meet with old and new friends. You should not forget to allow for some time, at least a few hours, to explore the City of the Gods. The magnificent Acropolis is visible from almost every part of the city. The eight-year-old Acropolis Museum is consistently rated one of the top museums in the world, and the reconstruction of National Museum of Contemporary Art was completed in 2014. Don’t forget that Athens is the only European city with 148 theatre stages. Also, Greek nights last longer and enthusiasm is undiminished, offering unforgettable moments...

We hope to meet you all in October 2018 in Athens!

Frank Tschentscher & George Bazinas
Co-chairs of the Athens Congress Technical Committee

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