Day 1: Thursday, 7 November

Morning

09.00-09.30 Key Note: Collectors Redress/class Action – What Is It and Where Does It Come From?

10.00-10.30 morning coffee break

10.30-11.00 Harriet Hite, Member of the German Bundessozialgericht

11.15-12.00 Working Groups – Breakout Sessions

12.00-12.30 Working Groups – Breakout Sessions

12.30-13.30 Working Group – Breakout Sessions

13.45-14.15 Lunch and Pre-Registration

14.25-14.55 Welcome to Registrations

14.55-15.30 Andy Edwards, Congress Moderator

15.30-15.55 Welcome to Open Groups

15.55-16.40 Open Group and Housekeeping

Coffee Break

16.40-17.00 Key Note: EU Commission DG JUST – A Contradiction

17.00-17.30 Second reading

17.30-18.00 Welcome to Presentation

18.00-18.30 Welcome to Networking Cocktail & Dinner

Social Events

18.30-21.30 Networking Cocktail & Dinner

Day 2: Friday, 8 November

Morning

09.00-09.30 Recap Following the First Day

Key Note: The EU Directive on Representative Action for the Protection of Collective Consumer Interests

9.30-9.50 Andy Edwards, Congress Moderator

9.50-10.30 Second reading

10.30-11.00 Welcome to Presentation

11.00-11.30 Welcome to Presentation

11.30-12.00 Welcome to Networking Cocktail & Dinner

Social Events

12.00-13.00 Networking Cocktail & Dinner

Afternoon

13.00-14.00 Key Note: Collectors Redress/class Action – What Is It and Where Does It Come From?

14.00-14.30 Working Groups – Breakout Sessions

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18.00-18.30 Working Groups – Breakout Sessions

Coffee Break

18.30-19.00 Key Note: EU Commission DG JUST – A Contradiction

19.00-19.30 Welcome to Registration

19.30-20.00 Welcome to Networking Cocktail & Dinner

Social Events

20.00-21.30 Networking Cocktail & Dinner

Day 3: Saturday, 9 November

Morning

09.00-09.30 Key Note: The EU Directive on Representative Action for the Protection of Collective Consumer Interests – How Will It Work?

9.30-9.50 Andy Edwards, Congress Moderator

9.50-10.30 Welcome to Presentation

10.30-11.00 Welcome to Presentation

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Social Events

20.00-21.30 Networking Cocktail & Dinner

Day 4: Sunday, 10 November

Morning

09.00-09.30 Key Note: The EU Directive on Representative Action for the Protection of Collective Consumer Interests – How Will It Work?

9.30-9.50 Andy Edwards, Congress Moderator

9.50-10.30 Welcome to Presentation

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Social Events

20.00-21.30 Networking Cocktail & Dinner

Day 5: Monday, 11 November

Morning

09.00-09.30 Key Note: The EU Directive on Representative Action for the Protection of Collective Consumer Interests – How Will It Work?

9.30-9.50 Andy Edwards, Congress Moderator

9.50-10.30 Welcome to Presentation

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Social Events

20.00-21.30 Networking Cocktail & Dinner

Programme

Please note that this is optional and an additional fee will be charged.
Politicians and consumer associations promote Collective Redress/Class Action to enable individuals to pursue claims against corporate entities and others for alleged wrongs resulting in loss where it would not be financially viable to take the claim on an individual basis. The idea is that Collective Redress/Class Action enables a balance of power and a pursuit of legitimate claims despite the individual amounts in question being small.

Jurisdictions all over the world have introduced legislation and procedures to deal with this. In Germany the Musterfeststellungsklage was put in place in November 2018, in England & Wales there have for some time been specific rules under the Civil Procedure Rules relating to Group Litigation and other multi party claims.

At the time of the Congress, a new EU Directive may well have been finalised so that EU Member States will have to transpose those provisions into national laws. Meanwhile, in the USA and Australia Collective Redress/Class Actions with very specific features and procedural rules, have been well established for some years.

The Congress will look at different jurisdictions whether the procedures enable a cost-effective and efficient prosecution of claimants’ rights and scrutinise the central issues for the success of Collective Redress/Class Actions: how are they handled and financed, i.e. who pays the costs and takes on liability for exposure to adverse costs and how is the process managed?

High-calibre academics and practitioners from Europe, Australia and the USA will share their experience and delegates will learn from and discuss with them how multi-claim procedures can work.

RIAD wants to analyse the specific role of legal protection insurers and look in particular at the issue of funding and cover for the adverse cost risks. The RIAD Congress is, as always, also an opportunity for our industry and our partners to exchange know-how and keep abreast of the latest developments in legal protection.

And, last but not least, RIAD is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year!