

Programme

Simultaneous interpretation into German, English, French will be provided
Andy Edwards, Congress Moderator

Day 1: Thursday, 7 November

Overview of the various systems of collective redress/class action, discussion of advantages, disadvantages and difficulties involved.

Afternoon

13.00-14.00 **Lunch and Registration**
14.00-14.15 **Opening and House-Keeping**

Andy Edwards, Moderator

14.15-14.25 **Welcome to Delegates**

Simon Warr, RIAD President

14.25-15.10 **Key Note: Collective Redress/Class Action – What Is It and Where Does It Come From?**

Prof. Dr. Astrid Stadler, University of Konstanz

15.10-15.30 **Mustersteststellungsklage - A Practical Example from Germany**

Dr. Theo Langheid, Partner BLD Bach Langheid Dallmayr, Cologne

15.30-15.50 **Class Action - A Practical Example from Australia**

Odette McDonald, Phi Finney McDonald

Ben Phi, Phi Finney McDonald

15.50-16.00 **Short Break**

16.00-17.00 **Panel: Collective Redress/Class Action: SWOT Analysis**

Panellists: *Dr. Theo Langheid, Partner BLD Bach Langheid Dallmayr*

Ben Phi, Phi Finney McDonald

Rissa Rewin, CEO DAS Canada, RIAD Board

Prof. Dr. Astrid Stadler, University of Konstanz

Ioana Pătraşcu, EU-Commission, DG JUST

Evening

18.30-21.30

Networking Cocktail & Dinner

Dr. Carlo Isola, Co-founder of RIAD, speaks on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Association - Gin Bar, Palace Hotel

Day 2: Friday, 8 November

Regulatory aspects, a look at the EU Directive on Representative Actions for the Protection of Collective Consumer Interests and possible impediments for legal protection insurers under the Solvency II Directive, coordination and financing of collective redress procedures.

Morning

9.00-9.10

Recap Following the First Day

Andy Edwards, Moderator

9.10-9.50

Key Note: The EU Directive on Representative Actions for the Protection of Collective Consumer Interests – How Will it Work?

Ioana Patrascu, EU-Commission, DG JUST

9.50-10.10

Prof. Dr. Heribert Hirte, MdB - Member of the German Bundestag, addresses the Congress

Mustersteststellungsklage, Collective Redress and Class Action from the Perspective of a German Legislator

Coffee Break

Key Note: Collective Redress/Class Action and the Free Choice of Lawyer – A Contradiction?

Prof. Dr. Domenik H. Wendt, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences

Working Groups – Break out

Working Groups' Conclusions: Presentation and Discussion

A European Legislator's view on the EU Directive on Representative

Actions for the Protection of Collective Consumer Interests

Geoffroy Didier, MEP, Rapporteur in the EP on the EU Directive

Lunch

13.00-14.00

Afternoon

14.00-14.30

How Does myRight Organise Its Campaigns and Are There Synergies with Legal Protection Insurers?

Sven Bode, Founder and CEO of myRight

Nivalion: How Does Litigation Funding Work?

Thomas Kohlmeier, Managing Partner Nivalion

Dr. Daniel Bill, Director Litigation Funding Nivalion

Litigation Funding – A Case Study from the UK

John Byrne, Co-founder and CEO of Therium Ltd.

Coffee Break

Panel: Collective Redress/Class Action - A Practical Hands-on-Approach

Panellists: *Sven Bode, Founder and CEO of myRight*

John Byrne, Co-founder and CEO of Therium Ltd.

Sabine Eichner, ROLAND-Prozessfinanz, Germany

Thomas Kohlmeier, Managing Partner Nivalion

Pat Monks, Attorney at Law, Houston, Texas

Prof. Dr. Domenik H. Wendt, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences

Wrap up and Conclusions

Simon Warr, RIAD President

16.40-17.00

Social Events

Friday, 8 November

09.30-16.00

Excursion for Accompanying Partners: Visit of Potsdam (incl. lunch)

19.00-22.30

Berlin Twist: food, drinks and music entertainment

(Please note that this is optional and an additional fee will be charged)

Saturday, 9 November

09.30-14.30

Sightseeing for Delegates and Accompanying Partners: Berlin

(Please note that this is optional and an additional fee will be charged)

Congress Theme

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 their 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!

About RIAD

RIAD, the International Association of Legal Protection Insurance, is the only body worldwide representing the unique interests of legal protection insurers and of service providers in this field from Europe, Canada, South Africa and Japan. **RIAD** defends the interests and advocates the high potential of legal protection insurance as an easy, affordable and high-quality solution for access to justice and the law.

Congress Venue

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The Hotel Palace Berlin is in the heart of the City West, a few steps from Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten, the Kurfürstendamm, bars, restaurants, theatres, cinemas and shops.



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