

A special message by Philip Baker, Queen's Counsel, UK



"Welcome to a grey London. Hopefully the rain will hold off, and we may get some sunshine. We will certainly have many exciting political developments this week. Not certain who will be Prime Minister come Friday (or how many members of Johnson's cabinet will have resigned.)

At the main conference, I am looking forward to the sessions on Investment Funds and on hybrid instruments. As usual, the IFA-OECD, IFA/EU and Recent Developments seminars are likely to be among the best. There is a seminar on Brexit, but I don't know what that means.

As at all IFA Congresses nowadays, some of the best seminars are outside the official programmes - I'd look out for the IBFD seminar, the Vienna University one, and the Tribute session on arbitration.

The Congress is in the centre of London - there are too many cultural activities to take them all in. But, if I was to recommend one specific thing to do, I'd go to visit the Imperial War Museum on Lambeth Road. You can walk there from the Congress venue. It's a window on history of the last 100 years. Admission is free. It is housed in a wing of the old Bethlehem Hospital - better known as "bedlam" - which is a wonderful comment on the madness of war."

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