



**14 – 15 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**FRIBOURG - SWITZERLAND**

**AUTUMN**  
**Conference**

Fribourg - Switzerland  
NH Hotels – Fribourg  
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Dear All

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all in the charming city of Fribourg. Thank you to Cristoph Joller, Benoit Morzier, Luc Esseiva and everyone involved at AVOPARTNER for hosting the Autumn conference which I am sure will be promising in so many aspects.

The Agenda tackles some of the most interesting issues which affect not only Switzerland, but also other jurisdictions worldwide.

On Friday, be prepared to have very sharp start of the conference – Mr. Florian Ducommun, partner at HDC Law Firm, Lausanne – will be taking us through a number of legal issues that are linked to innovation and new technologies so inevitable in digital era. Mr. Ducommun will be talking on “New Technologies Law in Switzerland and Abroad – Judicial Dispute Resolution”. After the short coffee break, do not expect us to slow down – we might even be doing quite a contrary to it.

I have the great pleasure to announce that Mr. Yannis Manuelides, London finance partner with the international law firm Allen & Overy accepted our invitation to address Avrio Advocati conference and therefore we will have the great privilege to be walked through various aspects of sovereign debt restructuring, including the Eurozone crisis and sovereign debt trends by one of the leading world-wide experts on the matter. We are very much looking forward to hearing Mr. Manuelides presentation, especially having in mind all current political challenges and sensitivities – it will be very interesting to hear his views on the outcome of the Greek debt restructuring just days after the ESM disbursed the last loan tranche to Greece.

Equally tight schedule is envisaged for Saturday, where those of us attending the conference will have the privilege of listening Prof. Pierre Tercier speaking on some of the most challenging aspects of International Arbitration and after that Mr. Rene Jenny, President of GIPR, Brussels, who will have a presentation on International Lobbying (the presentation will deal with the legal aspects of international lobbying and the specifics of lobbying at the EU Commission). For yet another time, the social agenda has been deliberately kept fairly open. Fribourg is a small city with many things to offer and to explore – we organized a city tour via the famous Tchu-Tchu train for the early afternoon hours on Saturday, but apart from that we would like to encourage all the attendees to use the time off as they see fit and then to join us on the train ride and the dinner that follows.

Kindly find below some information about how to get to Fribourg and the hotel, the business and the social agenda. Most importantly, there is a form for you to complete, in which you book attendance at the various events and pay in advance. Again, I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that you pay in advance so that we avoid the need for cash accounting. We are looking forward to an informative and entertaining conference.



Kind regards  
**Philip Gilliland**  
Chairman

## By Plane/Train

For those of you arriving to Switzerland by plane, International airports in Switzerland are: Geneva Airport, Zurich Airport and Basel – EuroAirport.

If you are arriving in Geneva or Zurich airport, you should take the train to Fribourg. The train station is conveniently situated directly inside the airports.

Please note that if you intend to fly to Basel EuroAirport that this airport is not linked directly to railway system. Therefore, you will have to use bus connections to railways stations in Basel. Important note: try taking earlier flights, because the last train to Fribourg from Geneva Airport leaves around 22:30, and from Zurich Airport leaves around 23:30. If you arrive after that, you will have to spend a night in Zurich or Geneva.

**One more important note - when taking the train, make sure you take the train to Fribourg in Switzerland and not Freiburg in Germany!**

If you are taking the train from Geneva, no change of trains will be needed and it is approximately an hour and a half trip. If you are travelling from Zurich Airport, on certain trains you will have to change (take this into consideration when choosing one of many departures) and the trip itself lasts about 1 hour and 40 minutes.

For more information on train schedules please check: <http://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html>

## Arriving in Fribourg

When you arrive at the Fribourg Central Station, you turn left from the exit for the street "Avenue de la Gare". Turn right after you have crossed the mall building on your right. Walk straight until you reach the street "Grand-Places", turn right and you will find the NH Hotel at the end of the street. It's a 5- minute walk.

If you arrive with heavy luggage, you may consider using taxi or public transportation.



## Thursday Evening



For those who arrive on Thursday evening, spaces have been booked at Le Cintra Gastrobar, a charming brasserie with interesting menu options and within a short walking distance of the hotel. You will order and pay yourself for whatever you eat and drink at this restaurant.

Website where you can get familiar with the place and the menu is <https://www.cintra.ch>

The address of the Le Cintra Gastrobar is Bd de Perollos 10, 1700 Fribourg.

## Friday Evening

**Our gala dinner will take place in the Salle Fegelly of the famous Fribourg restaurant l'Aigle Noir.**



According to the Michelin guide, here we may expect an exceptional dining experience: *"Although the property dates from the 17th C. and has retained its historic allure, the gastronomic cuisine here is firmly rooted in the 21st C."* (Michelin guide inspectors); the Michelin Plate: Good Cooking - *"Fresh ingredients, capably prepared: simply a good meal"*.

Website: [www.aiglenoir.ch](http://www.aiglenoir.ch)

After the gala dinner, it is anticipated that some of the Avopartner people will guide the enthusiastic participants through the Fribourg nightlife.

**Cost - Gala dinner €85.00**

(meat or vegetarian menu option, as indicated in the booking form, ½ bottle of water, 1dl of white wine or 2 dl of red wine, coffee and mignaridises included in the price)

## Saturday Afternoon

**Enjoyable two hours sightseeing "tchu-tchu" train tour of Fribourg with a guide**

No further arrangements have been made for Saturday afternoon as it is hoped that individuals will take the chance to explore Fribourg. There are plenty of sights and places in Fribourg to be seen -for a start, we can recommend you a visit to the Art and History Museum of Fribourg. Nonetheless, you may find the idea that suits you better on these websites:

<http://www.fribourgtourisme.ch/> or <https://www.fribourgregion.ch/en/>

**Cost: Tchu-tchu train guided tour €24.00**



## Saturday Evening

This time Avrio Advocati is organizing its farewell dinner at Auberge aux 4 Vents, beautifully located at the edge of a lush forest, but at the same time allowing us to enjoy an exceptional panoramic view. Further information could be found on the website <https://auberge4vents.ch/en/>

**Cost**

**Dinner at 4 Vente including wine €66.00**

**Taxi trip to the restaurant €10 to 15 per person for both directions approximately, (payable on the spot)**



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**FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

<b>09H00 – 12H00</b>	Avrio Board meeting
<b>12H00 – 13H30</b>	Lunch for Board Members
<b>13H30 – 14H00</b>	Registration at NH Hotels Fribourg
<b>14H00</b>	Conference commences
<b>14H00 – 14H10</b>	Philip Gilliland – Chairman Introduction to Conference
<b>14H10 – 14H25</b>	City presentation of Fribourg Office du tourisme, Fribourg
<b>14H25 – 14H35</b>	Benoit Morzier Introduction to AVOPARTNER
<b>14H35 – 14H45</b>	Planinic, Soljic and partners Ltd, Croatia Presentation of the new member
<b>14H45 – 15H30</b>	Mr. Florian Ducommun, lawyer, expert in the new technology law “New Technologies Law in Switzerland and Abroad – Dispute Resolution”
<b>15H30 – 16H00</b>	Coffee & networking
<b>16H00 – 16H45</b>	Talk on Sovereign Debt Mr. Yannis Manuelides, Allen & Overy
<b>16H45 – 17H00</b>	Questions & Answers
<b>17H00 – 17H15</b>	Wrap up and instructions for social agenda
<b>17H15 – 19H00</b>	Free time
<b>19H00 – 19H30</b>	Assemble in reception and walk / taxi to l’Aigle Noir Restaurant
<b>20H00</b>	Gala Dinner at l’Aigle Noir Restaurant

## **SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

**09H30 – 09H40** Philip Gilliland – Chairman  
Introduction to the day

**09H40 – 10H40** Prof. Pierre Tercier, Emeritus Professor of University of Fribourg, Honorary President of International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce – Independent Arbitrator  
“International Arbitration – Experience and Perspectives”

**10H40 – 11H10** Coffee & Networking

**11H10 – 12H10** Mr. Rene Jenny, economist, dipl Stanford University Graduate School of Business, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Fribourg, President of GIRP (European Healthcare Distribution Association)  
“International Lobbying – Judicial Aspects – Europe and Switzerland”

**11H15 – 11H45** Avrio internal matters – Philip Gilliland

**11H45– 12H00** Philip Gilliland – wrap up and instructions for social agenda

**12H00 – 14H00** Free - Lunch Break

**14H00 – 16H00** Tchu – Tchu Train Tour of Fribourg

**16H00 - 18H45** Free – Enjoy Fribourg

**18H45 – 19H15** Assemble in reception and commencing taxi ride

**19H30** Auberge aux 4 Vents for meal



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LAW FIRM: .....

DELEGATE NAME: .....

MAIN AREA OF PRACTICE: .....  
*(FOR EXAMPLE - DISPUTE RESOLUTION, COMMERCIAL TRADE ETC...)*

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (IF ACCOMPANIED): .....  
*(IF YOU ARE NOT BEING ACCOMPANIED, PLEASE ALSO STATE THIS ABOVE)*

ACCOMMODATION IN FRIBOURG: .....

DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL: .....

DATE AND TIME OF DEPARTURE: .....

CONTACT CELLPHONE NUMBER: .....

	COST PER HEAD	ATTENDEE NAME	ATTENDEE NAME	TOTAL COST	DIETARY REQUIREMENTS <small>(insert quantity for each selection)</small>
FRIDAY EVENING GALA DINNER (to include wine) * Menu attached	€85.00				Meat menu Vegetarian menu
SATURDAY FRIBOURG TRAIN TOUR	€24.00				
SATURDAY MEAL AT THE AUBERGE AUX 4 VENT * Menu attached	€66.00				Meat menu Vegetarian menu
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE					

Please transfer the total amount due and owing to the following bank account:

**ING Avenue Marnix 24 (B-1000, Brussels, Belgium) / IBAN: BE92 3630 6995 4723 / SWIFT: BBRU BE BB**

I hereby confirm that in returning this Booking Form I have transferred the requisite funds to the above bank account and understand that this payment is non-refundable.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

PLEASE RETURN THIS BOOKING FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO [INFO@ADVRIOADVOCATI.COM](mailto:INFO@ADVRIOADVOCATI.COM) AND MAKE PAYMENT TO THE BANK ACCOUNT SIMULTANEOUSLY. WHEN MAKING PAYMENT, PLEASE STATE IN THE PAYMENT TRANSFER FORM **"PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF SOCIAL EVENTS FOR FRIBOURG CONFERENCE FROM ...."**

## Friday Evening Gala dinner at the l'Aigle Noir

### **MEAT MENU:**

- Starter:** Pumpkin velouté and home made ravioli
- Main course:** Roasted beef rib eye, red wine sauce, mashed potatoes and season vegetables from the local marketplace;
- Dessert:** Vanilla panna cotta, red fruits and chocolate ice cream

### **VEGETARIAN MENU:**

- Starter:** Pumpkin velouté and home made ravioli
- Main course:** Home made mushroom risotto
- Dessert:** Vanilla panna cotta, red fruits and chocolate ice cream
- \* Half bottle of water, 1dl of white wine or 2dl of red wine and coffee included in the total price per person.

## Saturday Evening dinner at the Auberge aux 4 Vents

### **MEAT MENU:**

- Starter:** Mesclun de salade, sauce vinaigrette
- Main course:** Suprême de volaille fermier avec son jus, p.d.t. nouvelles sautees ou nouilles au beurre;
- Dessert:** Parfait glacé maison aux saveurs de saison

### **VEGETARIAN MENU:**

- Starter:** Mesclun de salade, sauce vinaigrette
- Main course:** Galette de maïs, with vegetalbes and curry sauce
- Dessert:** Parfait glacé maison aux saveurs de saison
- \* Water, 1 glass of wine and coffee included in the total price