

INSOL 2009 Eighth World Quadrennial Congress Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada 21st-24th June, 2009

Every four years – Just like the Olympics!

In June of 2009, nearly one year before the international athletes arrive, INSOL's bankruptcy, insolvency and turnaround Olympians descend on the beautiful city of Vancouver for the Eighth World Quadrennial Congress. Our finance-letes will attend the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre, where they will participate in events with their global colleagues – they will stretch their imaginations, flex their knowledge and race to the buffet line.

Vancouver is a truly international city. Situated halfway between Western Europe and Asia Pacific, it is little wonder that more than half of the city's residents speak a first language other than English. This global outlook makes Vancouver an apropos setting for our Eighth Quadrennial Congress: it is a city that both embraces and represents the diversity of our delegates.

The educational marks are in – Perfect 10's across the board!

Next year's educational program promises to be interesting and varied – appealing to a wide array of practitioners around the world. The Congress' breakout sessions are on topics such as turnaround consulting, what happens when hedge funds go bankrupt, developments in the healthcare industry, pre-packaged insolvencies, director and officer liability and negotiating dynamics in debt trading (to name a few).

Plenary sessions are planned for topics such as the use and abuse of confidential information and current developments around the world. These sessions are designed to address growing trends and issues in the market that affect all practitioners, regardless of the size or type of their organisation.

In addition to the regular Congress program, INSOL will also offer Ancillary Meetings. These meetings will take place prior to the Congress proper – on Saturday June 20th and Sunday June 21st – and will consist of the Academics' Group Meeting, Eighth Joint UNCITRAL/INSOL/ World bank Multinational Judicial Colloquium on Insolvency, the Insurance Insolvency Meeting and the Turnaround & Restructuring Meeting. Anyone can attend these meetings, if they would like to fly in to Vancouver a day or two early; however, please note that none of the Ancillary program is covered in the cost of the Congress registration.

This is merely a teaser of things to come – watch for more information in the coming months as, much like the Greek Olympians of old, our program is further sculpted to perfection!

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Artistic merit: Vancouver's versatility and natural beauty

Vancouver: a city with a climate so mild you can wake up and "hit the slopes," have lunch and lounge on a beach in the afternoon. At the very least, Vancouver is picturesque. On a good day, with its coastal mountains and lush greenery, Vancouver has some of the most breathtaking scenery Canada has to offer (some of which you can see from the windows of our Congress site).

The Congress opens by teasing delegates' senses and offering them the tastes, sights and smells of Canada at the Welcome Buffet Dinner. Attendees may wish to continue this exploration on their free evenings on Monday and Tuesday, as there are many excellent restaurants in the city. INSOL also organises pre and post-Congress tours so delegates can venture out and take advantage of Vancouver and its surrounding regions while they are already in the area.

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Save the date, save some money

Less than five months are left until the early booking deadline for INSOL's Eighth Quadrennial Congress. If delegates book by March 3rd 2009, they save more than £200 off the full booking price (for example, members pay £995 rather than £1199). If you already know that you will be seeing us in Vancouver, book now and save. After all, the saving converted into Canadian \$ buys a lot of lobster and lift tickets!

To register, visit <http://www.insol.org/Vancouver09/index.htm> and download a PDF copy of our registration brochure, or send us your information immediately via our online registration system. Further details about the INSOL Quadrennial Congress, 2009, can be found at the website www.insol.org. We look forward to seeing everyone in Vancouver!