



Please Join Us at Rancho Las Palmas!

Dear IADC Members,

Jane and I invite you to join us at beautiful Rancho Las Palmas located in the Palm Springs area of California. There is no better way to beat the winter blues than with sunshine, friends, and a continuing education program of the highest quality.

The Palm Springs area is always an IADC favorite, and we are thrilled to be going to a new IADC location. Rancho Las Palmas has been renovated in the past year and is fantastic. Situated at the base of the San Jacinto Mountains with hundreds of palm trees, it will be a beautiful and enjoyable setting for our business and leisure.

The programming at the Midyear Meeting will be headlined by our Foundation Forum speaker, Álvaro Uribe, who was President of Colombia from 2002 to 2010. We are highly honoured to have Mr. Uribe speak, and we look forward to hearing his perspective on his time in office and the transformation of a country of violence and strife to a thriving country under the rule of law. President Uribe earned extremely high approval ratings from the Colombian people during his time in office. His comments are ones you won't want to miss.

In addition, Spencer Silverglate, Midyear Meeting CLE Programme Chair, and his committee have put together an agenda of excellent CLE topics that include defending corporations in the international marketplace, enforcement of anti-corruption laws worldwide, ethics, managing cyberspace, effective oral advocacy, and more. We also will have many committee programme offerings.

Those who have been to our previous Palm Springs area meetings know of the fun we have. When you are not in IADC sessions, you could be headed shopping, or to the Joshua Tree National Park, the Indian Canyons, the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, the Palm Springs Air Museum, and more. During the meeting, we will have our usual opportunities to socialize, with the addition (as you have an English president, after all!) of a cricket match. Participate, watch, and have tea and cucumber sandwiches. If you don't know what a Sticky Wicket is, you are about to find out!

Just because we're British doesn't mean we don't like a good hoedown! The theme party this year is "Wild Bill's Western Extravaganza," and we encourage you to bring your cowboy boots and get ready for fun. The gala will embrace true California Hollywood glamour Rat Pack style. You might even see Frank Sinatra that night!

The Midyear Meeting is one of our favourite events each year, and we can't wait to spend it with you. Please start planning now to join us!

Regards,
Bill and Jane Perry