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The IAML has gathered twenty of the leading professionals from around the world to present and facilitate in depth discussions regarding the current status of the law and ethics surrounding Assisted Reproductive Technology Services. Over the course of this 1.5 day conference, representatives from throughout Europe, Australia, Hong Kong, India, Argentina and the United States will provide points of view from attorneys, academics, the judiciary and public offices.

A pre-symposium reception has been arranged at Charles Russell Speechlys, London on Sunday, 17 May from 6:00—8:00 pm. The symposium runs from 9:00—5:30 on Monday and 9:00—12:30 on Tuesday. Monday's lunch will be provided onsite and cost is included in the registration fee of \$150 USD. Registration fee increases to \$175 USD after April 15, 2015.

To register, login at iaml.org/events/surrogacy-symposium/index.html

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Monday, May 18th

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am Introduction – Surrogacy Arrangements: the international picture

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ANNE-MARIE HUTCHINSON OBE – ENGLAND
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9:15 am The Best Interest of a child born to a surrogacy arrangement – a Judicial Overview

MRS JUSTICE THEIS, HIGH COURT – ENGLAND

10:00 am The Right to Parent and Other Ethical Issues

DR. GLENN MCGEE, UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN – USA

10:45 am Break

11:00 am A Brief Overview of Current Law in Relation to
Common Law and Civil Law States

STEPHEN PAGE – AUSTRALIA **ESTHER SUSIN CARRASCO – SPAIN**
PEGGY SWAIN – USA **MARCUS DEARLE – HONG KONG**
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FABIANA QUAINI – ARGENTINA

12:30 pm Lunch – provided on site

1:30 pm Panel on Overview of Current Law – continued

2:30 pm Investigation of the Best Interests of the Child

**JOHN MELLOR, CHILDREN AND FAMILY COURT ADVISORY AND
SUPPORT SERVICES UK**

3:00 pm Hague Conference on Private International Law: The
current work of the Hague Conference on Surrogacy
issues

HANNAH BAKER, SENIOR LEGAL OFFICER, HCCH

3:30 pm Break

3:45 International Harmonisation

ANNE-MARIE HUTCHINSON OBE - ENGLAND
NIDHI DESAI – USA
RICHARD VAUGHN, ABA – USA
PROFESSOR PAUL BEAUMONT – SCOTLAND

Tuesday, May 19th

9:00 am Report of Topics Discussed on Day 1 and Topics for Refinement

JEHANNE SOSSON – BELGIUM
ANNE-MARIE HUTCHINSON OBE – ENGLAND
NANCY ZALUSKY BERG – USA

10:00 am Break

10:15 am Facilitated Small Groups to Consider the Following Questions:

- i. Do States have a duty to provide civil process to allow for legal recognition of children born to surrogacy?
- ii. Commercial Surrogacy –v- Altruistic Surrogacy
- iii. Should surrogacy be open to all? Same Sex and Single Commissioning Parents
- v. Should regulation be prescriptive or post – event regulated

11:00 am Facilitated Discussion on Topics Addressed in Small Groups

12:00 Closing on International Framework: Where do we go from here?

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