



MIGRATION INSTITUTE  
— OF AUSTRALIA —

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### **INAUGURAL MIA UK / EUROPE CHAPTER LAUNCH**

The Migration Institute of Australia (MIA) is delighted to announce the formation of a dedicated UK / Europe Members' Chapter, to be launched along with an inaugural Meeting of Members Tuesday 6 July 2010 in the Downer Room of London's historic Australia House on the Strand.

The Migration Institute is the peak body for Australian migration advice professionals, representing the majority of Registered Migration Agents (RMAs) worldwide.

Greater than a third of all MIA Member clients hail from the UK and Europe and more than 70 RMAs permanently reside or maintain offices in the region, making it the ideal first overseas representative body for the Institute.

As registration statutes apply only to onshore Australia migration agents, the 70-plus RMAs and MIA Members who make their living in the UK and Europe go above and beyond their legal requirements, ascribing to both the Australian Government's Code of Conduct but also to the MIA's in-house Code of Ethics.

"These dedicated professions play an essential role in Australia's migration program," said MIA CEO Maurene Horder, in London for the launch. "We've long aspired to set up a Chapter for these terrific agents."

Following a meeting to discuss the Institute and its future directions and issues affecting agents and their clients, the inaugural MIA UK / Europe Chapter will be created with the appointment of a Secretary and a supporting Committee of Members from 5:30 pm (GMT) Tuesday 6 July 2010.

Former Australia Minister for the Environment and Officer of the Order of Australia (AO), the Honourable Ros Kelly MP, will be on hand to launch the Chapter.

### **ABOUT THE MIA**

Serving as a conduit for official and ad hoc communication between Government and agents, the MIA also administers high-level Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses and holds its Members to the statutory Code of Conduct alongside a rigorous in-house Code of Ethics.

The Institute is administered by a National Office in Sydney and governed by a Member Board, five elected State / Territory Committees and a special Chapter in the National Capital. Aiming to help Members deliver the highest level of services to clients, the Institute's vision is for a society in which migration is valued and the professionalism of MIA migration advisers is recognised by all stakeholders.

"Migration Law is becoming increasingly complex and fraught, with a near constant flow of legislative and regulatory changes handed down by the Australian Federal Government," said Horder. "These changes require committed, qualified migration advice professionals."

If you are planning to travel, work, study or live in Australia, consider using a Registered Migration Agent (RMA) with current MIA Membership. *More information on the MIA is available online at [www.mia.org.au](http://www.mia.org.au).*

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