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IBA Conference & more

Max Horton, the Alice Springs rep on the Law Society Council, attended the 24th Biennial Conference of the International Bar Association in Cannes, France, in September.

There were some 4,000 registrants from throughout the world.

Max was the sole Territorian amongst a contingent of some 120 Australian practitioners.

He reported the week-long conference to have been a worthwhile, stimulating experience.

Agenda topics were wide-ranging. Though largely focused from international perspectives, and with European Common Market considerations to the fore, there were many areas of general interest, apposite for Antipodeans.

Some items relating to his particular interests included real estate dealings, practice trends, business management and intellectual property issues concerning advertising generally and sports marketing in particular.

been confirmed in Cannes in that a principal benefit was the establishment of personal contacts and the sharing of information and experience.

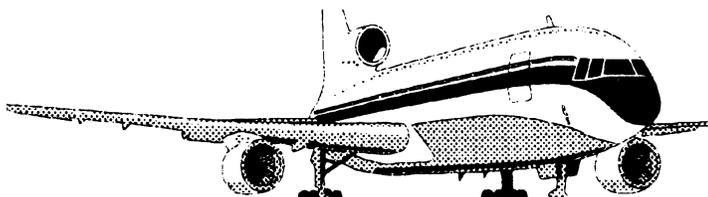
He claimed that he and his wife, Lorna, served the Territory well with outstanding performances at the IBA World Petanque Championships held during the conference.

He said that he has the boules to prove it.

Max also reported on legal aspects of other stops on his trip.

These included discussions in Washington DC relative to an area of his firm's business and, in New York, a visit to the United Nations plus conversations with international tennis officials during the 1992 US Open and with the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the USA.

For those who don't know, Max is involved in both business and pro bono roles with administration aspects of tennis and the Anglican Church of Australia.



He met with the Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome.

An emerging international topic, which is also attracting increased attention in Australia, is the legal profession's involvement in pro bono work.

In the real estate area, the extent to which environmental considerations have become intertwined in practice with conveyancing procedures is quite extraordinary.

In the United States, for example, specialist environmental law practitioners are required to be involved jointly with conveyancers as a matter of course.

Max said that his experience of other international gatherings had

In London, he had dealings with various legal practitioners, took a look at services provided by the UK Law Society and visited the Middle Temple and the Royal Courts of Justice.

He also had discussions with the Secretary-General of the Anglican Communion at its London head office and with the Archbishop of Canterbury's Secretary for Anglican Communion Affairs at Lambeth Palace.

Max denies that this report is either the harbinger of a reimbursement claim of the Law Society or the first draft of an essay to the Commissioner of Taxation.