

COMMENTARY

Elsewhere in this issue of "The Arbitrator" preliminary notification is given of dates and venues for the Institute's Conference, Arbitration Courses and Master Classes for graded arbitrators in 1995.

During 1995 the Institute celebrates 20 years since its incorporation. Its Conference will reflect on the past and contemplate the future of Arbitration and other forms of ADR and the opportunities for arbitrators, mediators and conciliators as we approach the new century.

The arbitration courses will continue to educate and train members in the arbitration process and the role of arbitrator. These courses lead to the grading examination and grading.

The Master Classes for graded arbitrators are part of the Institute's continuing education programme for those who are practising arbitrators and are designed to fine tune their knowledge and skills as arbitrators.

The purpose of formulating dates and venues well in advance is to give members as much notice as possible in order that they can plan their attendance and take part in the activities. We all know what it is like to learn of an activity which we would like to attend just to find that the dates clash with another commitment.

In addition to the Conference and other courses being arranged by the Council educational activities are being arranged on a continuing basis at Chapter level. Members are also encouraged to attend and take part in these programmes as part of their own personal professional development activities.

The challenge of continuing education is two fold. On the one hand the Institute has a responsibility to arrange and promote high quality educational programmes be they courses, conferences, master classes, workshops, lecture nights, open forums, and pre-examination tutorials, etc. On the other hand individual members have an obligation to maintain their professional competency on a continuing basis. This obligation can be met by attending the various activities arranged by the Council and Chapter Committees.

Are you, as a member, meeting your obligations?

It is hoped that by advising preliminary details of the 1995 Conference and other programmes now this will assist you. Reserve the dates in your planner now. Further details will be advised later.