

# The use of scientific evidence in criminal and civil litigation

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham

1 day cross-disciplinary symposium bringing together lawyers and scientists to discuss common problems associated with the legal use of scientific evidence and to explore potential solutions to these problems.

9.00 – 9.30 Registration and coffee

9.30 – 9.45 Welcome address

9.45 – 10.15 Dr Claire Mclvor (Birmingham Law School) and Professor Maurice Zeegers (University of Birmingham):

*Legal Epidemiology as a new discipline.*

10.15 – 10.45 Professor Alex Burdorf (Erasmus MC):

*How epidemiology can inform legal decisions: compensation claims for asbestos-related lung cancer in the Netherlands.*

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 11.45 Professor Martin Prins (Maastricht University):

*Expert witness reports: A list of questions.*

11.45 – 12.15 Professor Sana Loue (Case Western Reserve University)

*Forensic Epidemiology in the International Context: Is There No Place to Call Home?*

12.15 – 12.30 Discussion

12.30 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 14.15 Dr Kai Purnhagen (Munich Risk and Insurance Centre/Ludwig-Maximilians-University):

*Causation in Torts and Insurance: Risks of the Involvement of Epistemological Experts.*

14.15 – 14.45 Professor Michael Faure (Maastricht University)

*Using experts to assess personal injury: a Law & Economics perspective.*

14.45 – 15.00 Discussion

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break  
15.30 – 16.00 Mr Charles Feeny and Mr Doug Cooper (St Johns Buildings)

*TBC*

16.00 – 16.30 Dr Tony Ward (University of Hull)

*The Law Commission Report on Expert Evidence: Implementation without Legislation?"*

16.30 – 17.00 Discussion and concluding comments.

17.00 – 18.00 Drinks

Attendance is free but pre-registration is required. All queries about the symposium should be directed to Dr Claire McIvor at [c.mcivor@bham.ac.uk](mailto:c.mcivor@bham.ac.uk)