

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Permanent Court of Arbitration attached to the Croatian Chamber of Economy (PAC CCE), it is with great pleasure that I invite you to the International Conference, 26<sup>th</sup> Croatian Arbitration Days (CAD) which shall be held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018, on the premises of the Croatian Chamber of Economy in Zagreb, Rooseveltov trg 2.

The Conference will be opened with a keynote speech entitled “The future of the young generation in international arbitration” delivered by Professor Dr. Pierre Tercier, Honorary Chairman, ICC International Court of Arbitration.

The Conference will be devoted to five topics. The first panel shall address selected issues in international arbitration, such as the role of secretaries to arbitral tribunals, party appointment arbitrators and their independence and impartiality, experiences with expedited proceedings under the ICC Rules, and the report on Croatian jurisprudence on arbitration.

In many arbitral institutions, disputes arising out of complex engineering and construction projects are highly represented among submitted cases. The emphasis of the second panel shall be on resolution of those disputes. Presentations shall examine the impact of the new 2017 FIDIC contract forms on claim and dispute management, dispute adjudication, dispute avoidance and settlement in those projects: an in-house perspective, and construction arbitrations in practice of the Permanent Arbitration Court of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce.

The future of investment arbitrations and the impact of the Achmea judgment of the CJEU hot topics at global, EU, and national level, shall be the focus of the third panel. Topics that will be examined include a general overview of the reform of investor-State dispute settlement, the EU’s approach to that reform, the Achmea judgment and the jurisdiction of intra-EU investment treaty tribunals, enforceability and other implications of the Achmea judgment on arbitral awards, and the Republic of Croatia and investment arbitrations.

Many jurisdictions, including the Republic of Croatia, are considering reforming their arbitration laws. The fourth panel shall bring better insight into the most recent reforms and/or ongoing modernisation of arbitration laws in renowned arbitration jurisdictions including Hungary, Switzerland, Germany and Sweden.

The fifth panel shall deal with old and new challenges for arbitration. Topics that will be analysed are arbitration and corruption, arbitrator intelligence, arbitration in administrative matters, time and costs in arbitration – selected issues, and good practices for using ICT in arbitration – the status quo and prospects for the future.

There will also be an official launch of the jubilee 25<sup>th</sup> Volume of the *Croatian Arbitration Yearbook* at the Conference.

The language of the Conference shall be Croatian and English with simultaneous translation.

We have gone to great effort to ensure the participation of top experts in the field and to organise a Conference which will satisfy the highest criteria of the most demanding arbitration practitioners. Acting in that manner, we wanted to show our deepest respect to all of you who shall attend the Conference and to confirm the high level of quality and appreciation that the Conference has acquired after a quarter of a century within national, regional and international arbitration communities.

We look forward to seeing you at the 26<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Croatian Arbitration Days.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized letters that appear to be 'H.S.' followed by a flourish.

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for the Organising Committee 26<sup>th</sup> CAD