

Editorial Note

On behalf of my colleagues I have the pleasure to welcome **Dr. Niels van Antwerpen**, who accepted our invitation to join the Board of Editors.

Niels van Antwerpen is Corporate Legal Counsel of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. In that position he deals, *inter alia*, with commercial matters, aircraft leases and financial arrangements, liability and insurance claims and passenger rights (incl. general conditions of carriage, issues arising from denied boarding, cancellations and long delays and passengers with reduced mobility).

Niels obtained his law degree at Erasmus University in Rotterdam and, after completion of the postgraduate air and space law course at Leiden University, a Master of Advanced Studies in Air and Space Law (Adv. LL.M.). While working at KLM, he wrote an excellent Ph.D. thesis on “Cross-border provision of Air Navigation Services with specific reference to Europe – Safeguarding transparent lines of responsibility and liability”; this *opus* was admirably well defended at Leiden University last year and earned him the degree of Dr. of Laws.

We are sure that with his knowledge of, and first-hand experience in dealing with the paradigm shifts faced by today’s airline industry, he will make a solid contribution as an editor to our journal. We are pleased to have him on board.

Peter van Fenema