

Editor's Note

The Journal of International Arbitration is proud to dedicate this first issue of Volume 20 (2003) to a series of papers from the Barcelona Symposium, organized by the Global Center for Dispute Resolution Research in February 2002, and attended by dispute resolution specialists from fourteen different countries.

I was fortunate to have been among the participants at this groundbreaking event, aimed at exploring topics for future empirical research. The Symposium's innovative inter-disciplinary approach resulted in a research agenda intended to benefit the worldwide legal and business communities, legislators, and organizations involved in dispute resolution. The New York-based Global Center is the only organization devoted to fact-based research exploring the use and effectiveness of dispute resolution methods in international commerce.

The Journal would like to thank all of the Symposium participants, and is especially grateful to those who agreed to contribute to this issue. Particular recognition is due to the Symposium's organizers, Bernardo Cremades and Richard Naimark, for creating this unique forum for a truly innovative exchange of views.

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