

Editorial Note

This issue of the Journal of International Arbitration introduces a new look and a new editorial team. Following Bette Shifman's dynamic and assiduous stewardship of the Journal, which contributed greatly to its success, I have now taken up the position of General Editor. I am delighted that Dominique Hascher will continue as editor of the Notes and Current Developments section. We will both benefit from the continuing able editorial assistance of Theodore Mercredi, Melanie Rawlins and Hans Thijssen, at The Hague; Sylvie Picard Renault in Paris; and Elizabeth Davison in the UK.

Since its founding in 1984, the Journal has established itself as a leading professional publication for the international arbitration community. Its mission has been to provide a forum for original thinking, penetrating analysis and lively discussion of international arbitration issues. One of the distinctive features of the Journal has been its regular reporting on regional developments and trends.

My goal as editor is to maintain this formula, but also to try and take the Journal in new directions, working for greater geographical and ethnic inclusiveness and for a spirited—if not provocative—debate of issues of current importance in the field. As a first step towards this goal, I have reconstituted the Journal's Editorial Advisory Board. Its members are leading figures in the arbitration communities in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, North and South America and Europe. I am honored that this esteemed group of individuals has agreed to join the editorial team and I am looking forward to working with them.

Among the plans we have set for ourselves is the publication of special issues dedicated to single topics or developments in a single country or region. Special issues on China, arbitration in the Islamic world, and the application of general principles of international law by arbitral tribunals are already on the drawing board. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for future topics.

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank you, dear readers and subscribers, for your continuing support in the years ahead.

Michael J Moser
General Editor

