

Editorial

The Journal of International Arbitration (JOIA) was created over thirty years ago to ‘exchange ideas, share experiences and learn from each other of the practical problems encountered in arbitration proceedings’.¹ Since then, the issues raised in, and problems faced by, the international arbitration community have evolved significantly. While arbitration has further established itself as the preferred means of resolving international commercial disputes, it has also gained increased significance in other areas, such as investor-State disputes, thus creating new challenges.

Throughout the significant changes in the field of international arbitration, the JOIA has continued to remain at the forefront of innovative and thought-provoking writing. One of the main reasons for this lies in its truly global reach. The journal is indebted to my predecessor, Dr Michael Moser, for making the ‘I’ in JOIA a reality. As the new General Editor, I am committed to continuing these efforts and promoting regional diversity and global impact. This issue of the Journal, among other things, examines referrals by arbitral tribunals to the European Court of Justice, discusses ‘myths and realities’ of international commercial arbitration in Latin America, and elaborates on non-discrimination between foreign and domestic investments in countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

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¹ First issue of the Journal of International Arbitration in 1984, Editorial by Dennis Thompson and Jacques Werner.

Voon, Thomas Walsh, Hanno Wehland) as well as a team of Assistant Editors (Michael Howe, Valeriya Kirsey, Victoria Narancio). I personally thank all those involved for their enthusiasm and encouragement in this venture.

Finally, I encourage everyone who would like to contribute to the JOIA or has comments or suggestions as to its developments to get in touch with me at: EditorJOIA@kluwerlaw.com.

I look forward to hearing from you!



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