

TRANSNATIONAL ARBITRATION EXPERTS... IN THE NEWS

Latin American Arbitration Group and representative for Latin America of the London Court of International Arbitration Young International Arbitration Group.

Advisory Board member **Jeffrey P. Elkinson** of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Bermuda, will be the deputy president in 2011 and president in 2012 of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Advisory Board Member **Wayne I. Fagan** of Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen & Benson, LLP, San Antonio, has been appointed chair of the newly established International Dispute Resolution Committee of the State Bar of Texas ADR Section. In addition to his leadership of this committee, Mr. Fagan also serves as a member of the Editorial Board of the *Latin American Journal for Mediation and Arbitration* (www.med-arb.net) and as a member of the Advisory Board of the School of Peace and Conflict Management at Royal Roads University in Victoria, B.C., Canada (www.royalroads.ca).

Cecilia Flores Rueda of ITA Sponsoring Member Santamarina y Steta, Mexico City, the chair of ITA's Young Arbitrators' Initiative, has recently published, as editor, *Diccionario Enciclopédico de Arbitraje Comercial (Encyclopedic Dictionary of Commercial Arbitration)*. This work on commercial arbitration, published in Spanish, reviews the Mexican Arbitration Law and related court precedents.

Academic Council member **David A. Gantz**, professor at Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, Tucson, visited the Dominican Republic in September on behalf of the U.S. Agency for International Development and Chemonics, Inc., to discuss with governmental officials how they might respond more effectively to claims lodged by foreign investors against the Republic. The discussions covered dispute avoidance, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, and preparations for and conducting arbitrations.

Advisory Board member **Federico Godoy** of Beretta Godoy, Buenos Aires, recently assisted with the visit to Argentina of Dr. Eckart Brödermann in connection with a conference on Chinese-Argentine affairs. Dr. Brödermann reviewed, inter alia, the Chinese-European Arbitration Center and its activities. Mr. Godoy, a founding member of CEAC and ambassador in Argentina, promoted the organization of the conference hosted by the Argentine-Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Bernard Hanotiau of Hanotiau & van den Berg, Brussels, a vice chair of ITA's Executive Committee, delivered in London in October the 25th Freshfields lecture on the topic: "Consent to Arbitration: Do We Share a Common Vision?"

Advisory Board member **Melinda Jayson** of Melinda G. Jayson, P.C., Dallas, wrote the chapter on ADR practice appearing in *24: Profiles of 24 Lawyers in 24 Hours*, being published by West Services.

Advisory Board member **Vimal Kotecha** recently joined the firm of RSM Richter, heading up the valuations/dispute/arbitration practice. His new address is: 200 King St. W., Suite 1100, P.O. Box 48, Toronto, Ontario M5H3T4, tel. +1 416-932-6219, fax +1 416-932-6200, e-mail vkotecha@rsmrichter.com.

Advisory Board member **John B. McArthur** has been admitted to the panel of arbitrators of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Center (May 2010) and the Singapore International Arbitration Center (July 2010).

Advisory Board member **Kevin O'Gorman** of ITA Sustaining Member Fulbright & Jaworski, Houston, has been elected division chair of the American Bar Association Section of International Law. He chairs the Public International Law (Treaty) Division I and oversees the Art & Cultural Heritage Law,

International Life Sciences & Health Law, National Security, Private International Law Coordinating and United Nations and International Institutions Coordinating Committees. As division chair, Mr. O'Gorman also serves on the Council, which identifies, debates and approves section policy. He is also the section's liaison to the American Arbitration Association.

Advisory Board member **Dimitris Papavasiliou** of Papavasiliou D. & Associates, Athens, participated in the First Mediation Conference & Seminar at the Port of Piraeus, which was organized to mark the release of the draft law on Mediation of Civil and Commercial Matters by the Greek Ministry of Justice, for the purpose of implementing the Mediation Directive of the European Union. Mr. Papavasiliou's firm has been chosen by Global Law Experts as the winner of the 2010 Greek - Gaming Law Firm of the Year Award.

Academic Council member **William W. (Rusty) Park** has published "Arbitrators and Accuracy" in the *Journal of International Dispute Settlement* (vol. 1 Feb. 2010).

Advisory Board member **Klaus Reichert** SC recently "took silk" when he was called to the Inner Bar of Ireland by the Chief Justice.

Jeswald W. Salacuse, professor at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, and a past chair of ITA's Executive Committee, has recently published "The Emerging Global Regime for Investment" in *51 Harvard International Law Journal* 427-473 (2010).

Advisory Board member **Pablo T. Spiller**, a director of ITA Supporting Member LECG LLC and a professor at Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley, is a visiting professor of law at New York University until summer 2011.

Academic Council member **Guido S. Tawil** of M. & M. Bomchil, Buenos Aires, has become chair of the recently formed Asociación latinoamericana de arbitraje (ALA), Latin American Arbitration Association. Advisory Board members serving in various leadership roles in this first-of-its-kind organization are: **José Astigarraga**, **Fernando Mantilla Serrano**, and **Eduardo Zuleta**.

Jacomijn J. van Haersolte-van Hof, The Hague, ITA's reporter for The Netherlands, has been appointed by the European Commission as expert advising the Commission on issues of arbitration relating to the Brussels Regulation. The Commission has appointed this group of experts in view of the impending changes to the Regulation and in particular, the need to consider modification of the arbitration exception currently contained in it. Further information on the group can be found at <http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/detail.cfm?ref=2467>.

Advisory Board member **Richard E. (Rory) Walck** of Global Financial Analytics LLC, Fairfax, Virginia, has been named to Global Arbitration Review's *The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration 2011* in the "Experts" sub-section.

Stephan Wilske, a partner with Gleiss Lutz, Stuttgart, and ITA's reporter for Turkey, spent his sabbatical from April to June teaching a course on "International Commercial and Investment Arbitration" at the National Taiwan University, College of Law. He was also invited to talk in September at the 2010 Taipei International Conference on Arbitration and Mediation on "Sanctions for Unethical and Illegal Behavior in International Arbitration: A Double-Edge Sword?"

ITA Sponsoring Member **Arnold & Porter** has announced that **Maria Chedid**, an international arbitration lawyer with experience in IP-related disputes and an appellate specialist, has joined the firm in San Francisco.