

Arbitration in The Netherlands

Just another location trying to portray itself as an arbitration paradise?

On 26 June 2009, a first yearly Arbitration Dinner will be held in Amsterdam for both Dutch arbitration practitioners (above and under 40) and international invitees. The event is organised by NAI Jong Oranje, the under 40 club associated with the Netherlands Arbitration Institute.

The occasion will commence with informal drinks offered at Clifford Chance's Amsterdam Office. Subsequent thereto, attendees will relocate for dinner to the Industriële Groote Club - the most stylish Gentlemen's club of Amsterdam, located at historic Dam Square (www.igc.nl). At dinner, you will not only have to cope with a range of other members of the arbitration community but also with Dutch food. To compensate for this discomfort, we offer two excellent speakers.

During the course of the evening, Professor Filip De Ly will seek to stimulate the appetite by making pointing remarks on views that may be held on the benefits of arbitration in The Netherlands. His semi-Dutch status and membership of the drafting committee for the amendment of the Netherlands Arbitration Act places him in an excellent position to provide frank and fair views on this matter. Thereafter, Professor Jan Paulsson, with his unrivalled international outlook, will offer a reality check for the countries aspiring to rise in the ranks of preferred arbitration venues.

We kindly request you to respond sooner rather than later to this invitation as seating is limited. Please be so kind to confirm by 30 May whether you will be able to attend and make a payment as soon as possible to confirm your registration. The registration fee of EUR 150 is payable by bank transfer to bank account number 6385070 (BIC: INGBNL2A, IBAN: NL04 INGB 0006385070) in the name of R. Schellaars in Amsterdam, referencing "dinner 26 June 2009 NAI Jong Oranje".

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