YOUNG ICCA Skills Training Workshop in Athens

**Topic:** Cross-examination in international arbitration

**Date:** 29 June 2018

**Venue:** EODID Athens Mediation & Arbitration Organization, 23 Mavromichali str., Nomiki Bibliothiki building, 10680 Athens.

**General concept:** The event will bring together 45 young practitioners for a one-day skills training workshop dealing with the issue of cross-examination in international arbitration. The participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. A waiting list will also be drawn up, to make up for possible last-minute cancellations.

Depending on the number of registrations and the number of participants willing to take part in the mock hearings, there will be four hearing sessions in total and the participants will be divided as follows:

- Four three-member teams will play the role of the arbitral tribunal;
- Four three-to-four-member teams will play the role of Claimant’s counsel;
- Four three-to-four-member teams will play the role of Respondent’s counsel;
- A few places will be reserved for observers.

One week in advance of the event, the selected participants will be provided with the mock case materials outlining the facts of the case. The participants will be informed of the team they will be included in on the day of the event. During the event, the participants will have the opportunity to conduct direct, cross- and re-direct examination and will also play the role of the arbitral tribunal. This whole process will be supervised by tutors, who will also provide feedback on the participants’ performance at the end of each hearing session.
Structure of the event:

I. Registration: 08:30 am – 09:00 am

II. Introduction: 09:00 am – 09:10 am (Steering Committee)

III. Keynote address: 09:10 am – 09:30 am (Professor Haris (Ch.) Pamboukis, Founding Partner in PMN law firm, Professor at the Athens Law School and Former Minister of State, Athens)

IV. Panel on Cross-Examination of Witnesses: 09:30 am – 11:00 am (Mr. Felipe Aragón Barrero, Armesto & Asociados, Madrid, Ms. Yasemin Çetinel, Çetinel Law Firm, Istanbul, Dr. Sotiris Dempegiotis, Dryllerakis & Associates, Athens, Mr. Simon Elliot, Three Crowns LLP, Paris, Ms. Catherine-Anne Kunz, LALIVE, Geneva and Ms. Marily Paralika, White & Case, Paris)

V. Coffee break: 11:00 am – 11:15 am

VI. Division in teams and preparation of mock hearing sessions: 11:15 am – 12:30 pm (Tutors: Mr. Felipe Aragón Barrero, Armesto & Asociados, Madrid, Ms. Yasemin Çetinel, Çetinel Law Firm, Istanbul, Dr. Sotiris Dempegiotis, Dryllerakis & Associates, Athens, Mr. Simon Elliot, Three Crowns LLP, Paris, Ms. Catherine-Anne Kunz, LALIVE, Geneva and Ms. Marily Paralika, White & Case, Paris)

VII. Lunch: 12:30 pm – 02:00 pm

VIII. Mock hearings (two hearing sessions per room, with each session lasting one hour and 30 minutes): 02:00 pm – 05:00 pm (Witnesses: Ms. Nefeli Lamprou, Clyde & Co, London, Mr. Juan Pablo Valdivia Pizarro, Nauta Dutilh, Rotterdam, Mr. Akshay Shreedhar, Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, Geneva and Mr. Antonios Vassiloconstandakis, Legal Counsel at OPAP, Athens)

IX. Coffee break: 05:00 pm – 05:40 pm

X. Closing remarks: 05:40 pm – 06:00 pm (Mr. Epaminontas Triantafilou, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP, London)

XI. Transportation to cocktail reception venue and cocktail reception (Nalu Café, http://www.nalu.gr/gr/home): As of 06:30 pm
Steering Committee:
Ms. Efi Christofilou, Ms. Kleopatra Koutouzi and Ms. Alina Papanastasiou. Kindly guided by Young ICCA Co-Chair Mr. Tolu Obamuroh and Young ICCA Events Coordinator Mr. Panagiotis Chalkias.