Young ICCA–University of Miami Scholarship

Potential applicants for the Young ICCA-UM scholarship from across the globe have taken part in two on-line chats with the UM, with a third chat in March. Dean of the UM Law School Patricia D. White says “our International Arbitration Institute is committed to being the best place in the world for talented students to study the subject.” ICCA President and UM Professor Jan Paulsson confirms that the “competition is emblematic of our commitment to create a stimulating environment for tomorrow’s leaders of the international arbitration community.”

Applicants for the scholarship will be required to submit a 15-page essay on one of four topics, to be reviewed by UM and Young ICCA; all essays are eligible for publication on the Young ICCA blog. The scholarship winner will be announced by Albert Jan van den Berg in Singapore.

Deadline for applications is 23 March 2012.

New York Convention Roadshow to be launched in Mauritius

Young ICCA will play a key role in the launch of a series of workshops for judges on the New York Convention in Mauritius on 3-4 May 2012. The new joint ICCA-Young ICCA outreach programme – known as the “New York Convention Roadshow” – will kick off with an inaugural workshop in May hosted by the Mauritian Chief Justice, and will offer two days of intensive workshops to members of the Mauritian judiciary and judges from other Southern African countries.

Over a year of preparation by Young ICCA co-chairs Marike Paulsson and Lise Bosman, together with Young ICCA buddy and PCA Representative in Mauritius, Judith Levine, will result in the two-day workshop led by Albert Jan van den Berg, one of the world’s acknowledged experts on the New York Convention, and Marike Paulsson, co-author with Prof. vd Berg of the Second Edition of “The NY Arbitration Convention of 1958: towards a Uniform Judicial Interpretation".

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Peace Palace Seminars Launched

Peace Palace seminars got off to a flying start with a first seminar by Klaus Reichert SC on proving a case in international arbitration, with a plea for a debate about the correct standard of proof for allegations of fraud. See full report on our website.

Confirmed speakers in this programme for 2012 include ICCA President Jan Paulsson and ICCA Members Albert Jan van den Berg, Yves Fortier and Martin Hunter -- all mentors in the Young ICCA mentoring programme. They will be joined by Jacomijn van Haersolte and Gerard Meijer on 7 March (discussing the long-awaited amendments to the Dutch Arbitration Act) and by Niuscha Bassiri, Roland Ziade and Dirk Pulkowski, who will join Martin Hunter in a session on evidence on 27 March.

Seminars are open to staff members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and to Young ICCA members working in or traveling through the Netherlands. See website for registration details.

GAR nomination

For the second year running, Young ICCA has been nominated for a GAR award, this time for “Best Development of 2011”. Voting is now open, with results to be announced on 8 March in Stockholm.

Miami Workshop

The Young ICCA workshop in Miami on 29 January hosted practitioners from Europe and the United States, who heard Pablo Spiller, frequent expert in ICSID proceedings, together with other experts, discuss how to prepare expert reports and testimony.

NYC Roadshow

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The NYC Roadshow will make use of ICCA’s Guide to the NYC Convention - also nominated for GAR’s “Best Development of 2011” (and soon to be available in French and Portuguese, as well as English).

Linked to the NYC Roadshow, a Practitioner’s Training Day on 2 May in Mauritius will feature a keynote address by ICCA President Jan Paulsson, and sessions led by local practitioners and PCA counsel, including Lise and Judith).