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The Ljubljana Arbitration Centre at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (LAC) is an autonomous and independent arbitration centre providing administrative services for the resolution of disputes between parties through arbitration, mediation, conciliation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

The LAC has been administering fast and efficient resolution of domestic and international disputes since 1928, thus representing the central arbitration institution in Slovenia.

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Join us on 20 March in Ljubljana, Slovenia, for an exciting debate on some of the currently most salient issues in international arbitration. We have invited a lineup of world class speakers for engaging discussions on the following topics:

- Recent trends in the application of the New York Convention,
- Role of arbitral tribunals in combatting economic crime in international arbitration,
- Third party funding in international arbitration – reshaping the landscape of dispute resolution.

SESSION 1: Recent trends in the application of the New York Convention

The 1958 New York Convention has decisively contributed to the widespread use of international arbitration since its adoption sixty years ago. It enables parties to seek recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in 157 member States. A first panel will review the recent trends and developments in the application of the Convention in general and then we will discuss these developments in a roundtable on select jurisdictions (Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Austria, Switzerland and Albania). Practitioners from the region will share the relevant procedure and practice in enforcing foreign arbitral awards in their countries..

SESSION 2: Role of arbitral tribunals in combatting economic crime in international arbitration

In a world of increased transparency, good governance and compliance regulations, arbitral tribunals are increasingly coming across potential illegal activities of the parties. Money laundering, corruption and bid-rigging are frequently masked under seemingly legitimate contracts and disputes arising from those contracts may end up in arbitration. We will discuss common red flags signaling illicit activities, the role of arbitral tribunals and propose solutions aimed at combatting economic crime.

SESSION 3: Hot topic: Third party funding in international arbitration – reshaping the landscape of dispute resolution

In light of the upcoming report of the ICCA-Queen Mary Task Force on Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration, we have prepared a stimulating afternoon session on the current developments on third-party funding. The panel will provide a 360 degree scrutiny of intricate issues of on third-party funding and consider whether and how principles of best practice can evolve in the industry.

We are looking forward to welcoming some of the most renowned members of the arbitration community as well as connecting participants from around the world, in particular arbitrators, lawyers representing parties in arbitrations, in-house counsels, state officials and globally operating businesses. Last year we welcomed more than a hundred participants from seventeen countries so, besides offering engaging discussions on the upcoming developments in international arbitration, the conference is also an excellent opportunity for networking.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Ljubljana.

WHEN:

20 March 2018

WHERE:

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia,
Dimičeva 13, Ljubljana, Slovenia

WHO:

Arbitrators, lawyers representing parties in arbitrations, state officials dealing with investor-state arbitration, in-house counsel and globally operating businesses

Turning shadow into light

- 9.00-9.30 Registration
- 9.30-9.40 **Welcome addresses**
Celebrating 60 years of the New York Convention
and 90 years of the Ljubljana Arbitration Centre

- 9.40-10.00 **Keynote address**
Emmanuel Gaillard (*Shearman & Sterling, Paris*)

SESSION I

- 10.00-12.00 **60th Anniversary of the New York Convention**
Panel: Recent trends in the application of the Convention
Moderator: **Emmanuel Gaillard** (*Shearman & Sterling, Paris*)
Speakers:
Maja Menard (*Menard, Ljubljana*)
Corinne Montineri (*UNCITRAL*)
Georgios Petrochilos (*Three Crowns, Paris*)
Reinmar Wolff (*Philipps-Universität Marburg, Marburg*)

Roundtable: Enforcing foreign arbitral awards - country reports

Moderator: **Peter Rižnik** (*Konrad & Partners, Vienna*)

Speakers:

- Micha Bühler** (*Walder Wyss, Zurich*)
Ana Grabnar (*Rojs, Peljhan, Prelesnik & partners, Ljubljana*)
Minu Gvardjančič (*Karanovic Nikolic, Ljubljana*) and **Milan Lazić** (*Karanovic Nikolic, Belgrade*)
Stefan Riegler (*Wolf Theiss, Vienna*)
Leon Kopecký (*Schoenherr, Vienna*)
Alan Uzelac (*Faculty of Law, Zagreb*)

- 12.00-12.20 Coffee/Tea Break/Networking

SESSION II

- 12.20-13.40 **Panel: Role of arbitral tribunals in combatting economic crime in international arbitration**
moderator: **Christian W. Konrad** (*Konrad & Partners, Vienna*)
Speakers:
Bernd Ehle (*Lalive, Geneva*)
Sabine Konrad (*McDermott Will and Emery, Frankfurt*)
Jure Levovnik (*Jadek & Pensa, Ljubljana*)
Craig Orr QC (*One Essex Court, London*)

- 13.40-14.40 Buffet lunch/Networking

SESSION III

- 14.40-16.30 **Hot topic: Third Party Funding in International Arbitration - Reshaping the Landscape of Dispute Resolution**
moderator: **Marko Djinović** (*LAC, Ljubljana*)
Speakers:
James Clanchy (*Arbitrator in independent practice, London*)
Evgeniya Goriatcheva (*PCA, Hague*)
Michael McIlwrath (*GE Oil & Gas, Florence*)
Aline Wey Speirs (*CMS, Zurich*)
Wieger Welinga (*Omni Bridgeway, Amsterdam*)

- 16.30 Cocktail reception/Networking