



IDArb: Facilitating Arbitration for International Distribution Disputes

Date: 7 November 2017, 16:15-20:00

Place: The conference will take place in Geneva, at the Warwick Hotel ([14 rue de Lausanne, 1201 Geneva](#)) which is very conveniently located in front of the main Geneva train station and only 6 minutes away from the Geneva airport by train.

Companies deciding to submit international distribution-related disputes (including agency and franchising agreements) to arbitration often face the problem of identifying arbitrators having a specific experience in that field. Moreover, in some cases, the amount at stake does not seem high enough to justify the recourse to international arbitration.

The International Distribution Institute (IDI), the Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution (SCAI) and the Geneva Chamber of Commerce (CCIG) have created a new tool to help companies facing these situations, by providing them with:

- a list of arbitrators with specific experience in distribution;
- a tailor-made expedited procedure recommended for distribution disputes.

The speakers will report on their reflection, partnership and joint dispute resolution services aimed at allowing a greater time and cost efficiency for all disputes in the field of distribution. A list of specialized arbitrators and a dedicated arbitration clause will be revealed, together with specific procedural recommendations.

This conference will focus on giving in-house counsel who are drafting specific distribution contracts and managing distribution-related disputes the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and discuss the proposals made by the IDI and SCAI teams.

For more information and to register: Please visit the [SCAI website](#)

Deadline for registration: Friday 27 October 2017

Registration Fee: CHF 150.-, to be paid prior to the conference

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Any cancellation must be sent by email to events@swissarbitration.org by 31 October 2017, at the latest; otherwise the total amount of the Registration Fee will be due.

Accommodation: We have a special rate with the Hotel Warwick. If you are interested in booking a room, please send us an email to events@swissarbitration.org.

Join us on 7 November 2017 in Geneva.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Time	Topics	Speakers
16:15	Registration	
16:45	Welcoming address	Mr Vincent Subilia, President of SCAI and General Deputy Director of the CCIG
16:50	Introduction to the IDArb – SCAI project: main purpose and objectives	Prof. Fabio Bortolotti, Chair IDI; Attorney-at-law, Partner, BUFFA BORTOLOTTI & MATHIS
17:00	The Expedited Procedure under the Swiss Rules	Dr Cesare Jermini, Vice-President of the SCAI Arbitration Court; Attorney-at-law, Partner, BÄR & KARRER
17:20	The IDArb Recommendations for expedited arbitration under the Swiss Rules: a tool for facilitating the recourse to arbitration in distribution disputes	Mr Jaap Van Till, Attorney-at-law, Partner, LOYAL
17:40	Presentation of the role and members of the Selecting Committee	Prof. Jean-Paul Vulliéty, Attorney-at-law, Partner, LALIVE
18:00	Criteria for identifying the best suited arbitrator in distribution-related disputes	Prof. Didier Ferrier, University of Montpellier; Vice-Chair IDI
18:20	The role of former and current in-house counsel as arbitrators for distribution disputes	Mr Stefano Catelani, Corporate Counsel, DUPONT DE NEMOURS INTERNATIONAL SA Mr Igor San Juan, Regional Counsel Europe, SWAROVSKI (EUROPE) HOLDING B.V.
18:40	Discussion/Questions	
18:50	Closing remarks	Ms Caroline Ming, Executive Director of SCAI

A networking cocktail will follow the conference in order for participants to continue their discussions after the formal presentations.

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