



Minutes Practice Group International Dispute
Resolution,

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Present:

- Mirco Ceregato, Bratschi Wiederkehr & Buob, Zurich, Switzerland
- Petr Vrsecky, Lawler draper Dillon, Melbourne, Australia
- Jeremy Lederman, Wedlake Bell LLP, London, England
- Jordi Pallarès, Versat Advocats, Barcelona, Spain
- Cornelia S. van Heerden, Goodwood, South Africa
- Attila Kovács, Kovács Réti Szegheő, Budapest, Hungary
- Christian Seidl, Tramposch & Partner, Eisenstadt, Austria
- Aurelia Tramposch, Tramposch & Partner, Vienna, Austria
- Mariagiulia Signori, Comma10, Milan, Italy
- Karl Friedrich Dumoulin, FPS Rechtsanwälte & Notare, Düsseldorf, Germany
- Johan F. Langelaar, TeekensKarstens advocaten notarissen, Leiden, The Netherlands

1. A short introduction was presented by the World Chairman Johan F. Langelaar. Johan also welcomed all the participants and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Johan reminded the participants of the fact that the kick-off event was in April 2011, during the European conference in Munich. The first 'real' meeting took place at the World conference in Toronto, Canada at the end of October 2011. Although 24 GGI-members registered, only 11 attendees showed up at the meeting in Toronto, which was very disappointing. Thus the IDR-practice group is very young and therefore has to develop to maturity.
3. Johan informed the present participants that he had been in doubt with what items to deal with during the meeting in Cannes. He had been in contact about that with the Vice-world chairperson, Karl Friedrich Dumoulin, and two very enthusiastic attendees, Mariagiulia Signori and Jeremy Lederman. The general opinion was, that at the meeting domestic matters should be discussed as much as possible. For example, how to organize the next meetings, what will be the contents of these meetings, etc. etc. Mariagiulia introduced the idea of some issue to be worked on together by the IDR-members, to strengthen the relationship between the participants. Jeremy suggested that one of us would give a presentation.
4. Johan informed that he had been in contact with the IFTA (Independent Film & Television Alliance), for a presentation on the arbitration proceedings of that alliance and I.P.-issues involved. Johan explained that this was the reason that he introduced in the summary of the practice group meeting the ideas to discuss the matters of protecting international property-rights and infringements on a national and international level. Goal was to achieve ore knowledge on the regional proceedings for I.P.-infringement protection and to discuss which International Dispute Resolution-methods are/can be used. Also he mentioned the European developments related to international seizing procedures.
5. Johan informed the participants that only last Monday, much to his regret, he was informed by IFTA that the arbitrator, Susan Cleary, despite promises could not attend our meeting, since she had to go to Los Angeles for an emergency arbitration. However, IFTA informed that she was more than willing to give a



- presentation at one of the meetings in the (near) future. Johan would consider this for the World conference in Rome.
6. Of course the notification of IFTA was very disappointing for Johan, however we could benefit from this since we would have more time to speak about domestic matters.
 7. Johan informed the participants that he prepared a contribution on the new proposals on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil- and commercial matters and the proposal on European bank attachment proceedings.
However, taking into account the number of items on the agenda, Johan feared that he would not be able to give his presentation. Further he proposed to deal with item 4 of the agenda, after dealing with item 9 of the agenda.
 8. After the introduction of Johan, a short introduction of the participants and their firms followed.
 9. After that an exchange in views, as to the targets of the practice group, took place. Jeremy brought on the idea to publish a newsletter, digital and hard copy, to promote the IDR-practice group, for possible new practice group members and GGI as a whole.
Karl Friedrich reacted that it was a matter of ignorance of people who claim that they have knowledge about IDR, in fact do not have that knowledge. That is why we should also promote our expertise of IDR-related cases and also in the newsletter.
 10. After a lively discussion the definition of international dispute was set.
There is an international dispute when:
 - a. a foreign party is involved;
 - b. and/or there is another jurisdiction involved;
 - c. and/or there is foreign applicable law involved.
 11. As to 'c', Cornelia gave an example of two South-African citizens, who were married in the state of Massachusetts in the USA, divorcing in South-Africa.
 12. Karl Friedrich mentioned that he was delighted that something practical will be achieved by producing a newsletter. Question is whether we should not have some kind of a handbook too. General opinion is that this is a lot of work and because of the ongoing changes in the different law systems, you would be changing the handbook all the time. Jordy proposed to make a short overview of the national rules, which can be used in client contacts. After a vivid discussion, no decision as to this was taken and the item was postponed till the next meeting in Rome.
 13. Karl Friedrich mentioned that the newsletter can also be used to report about international cases dealt with by the members of the PG.
 14. It was decided by the participants that a newsletter will be created and Jeremy, Karl Friedrich, Mariagiulia, Cornelia and Johan volunteered to take care of the first contribution to the newsletter. Johan will contribute by sending in a short version of his presentation, for which no time is left at this meeting.
 15. The next subject was the frequency of the meeting of the PG. Karl Friedrich suggested to have meetings at the European- and World conferences, the German Speaking Chapter and the American conferences. Johan informed the attendees that Mike Quinan, the Chairperson for North-America, will give an IDR-PG meeting at the American conference, to be held from June 21-26, 2012. Johan also informed the attendees that his associate, Michiel Teekens, will take care of IDR-presentations during the Easy meets. In this way, the IDR-PG will also be known by the young GGI-members.
Further it was decided that two times a year, a Skype meeting will take place. Jeremy volunteered to set the dates for this year. Johan stresses that it is most important that as much members of the PG participate in those meetings.



16. As a reaction to Johan's remark that the time is too short again to deal with all matters, especially his presentation, Aurelia proposed to shift the meeting to Saturday morning, so we would have more time to discuss things and have a proper presentation. This instead of attending the scheduled workshops on Saturday morning.
17. Mariagiulia introduced the idea to combine so now and then, the meetings of different PG's.
18. Both Attila and Karl Friedrich pointed out, that the enormous success of the International Taxation PG is caused by the fact that this is an item which affects all GGI-members. 10/15 Attendees at any other PG is a very good result.
19. Cornelia notes that the spirit between the members of the PG can be improved by having, for example, a drink together at every meeting. It was then suggested that, because of the time, we could all sit at one table at the lunch on Saturday. It was decided to do so.
20. Johan asked everybody to fill in the form distributed by GGI and return it to him.
21. Johan thanked everybody for their attendance and their contribution to the meeting and adjourned the meeting.