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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arbitration Conference

### This year AIJA goes East! ... to the East of Europe.

The International Arbitration Commission, in conjunction with the Real Estate Commission, invites you to Warsaw for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arbitration Conference. This year the headline topic is arbitration in the construction and real estate industry.

Did you know that the value of the construction business in Poland has increased by 80% since Poland's accession to the European Union? The total value as of 2009 was almost EUR 60 billion. This may seem like peanuts compared to the construction market in China, at EUR 350 billion in just the first three quarters of 2010! But the numbers are not the only reason AIJA has decided to hold its construction arbitration seminar in Warsaw. Construction arbitration is simply a hot issue here.

It is the complexity of major construction projects that makes them so often a source of disputes. When you take two parties (investor and contractor) whose objectives are often not aligned, and confront them with the complicated physical exercise of construction, with numerous uncontrolled factors that may come into play—from money to politics, and even the weather—there is no wonder that so many construction projects end up in disputes.

At the conference, various vital questions relating to construction arbitration will be examined. Is there room for a special set of arbitration rules for the construction industry? How to wisely use various ADR mechanisms in construction disputes? What challenges does the use of adjudication panels bring? How to deal with costs and evidence in construction arbitration? There will also be room to examine more general issues of international arbitration, including the evergreen issue of how to actually win your case. An interactive panel discussion will allow participants not only to learn from others, but also to share their own experience.

These and other questions will be put to the scrutiny of prominent arbitration specialists, including W. Laurence Craig, Filip De Ly and Tomasz Wardynski and representatives of major arbitral institutions.

Participation in the seminar will also give you an opportunity to experience legendary Polish hospitality. The seminar will be held at the University of Warsaw, in the historic centre of Warsaw. On the Saturday, you will have an opportunity to see Warsaw off the beaten track, and enjoy the true Warsaw lifestyle.

The event has received official support from the University of Warsaw, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, and the Swiss Chambers' Court of Arbitration and Mediation.

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