The AIJA International Arbitration Commission and Sports Law Sub-Commission are delighted to invite you to join us in Lausanne for the seminar on Sport Arbitration on 25-26 March 2011 as well as a dynamic social programme.

Sports Arbitration Seminar

AIJA is proud to invite you to its first Arbitration seminar fully dedicated to Sports Arbitration, co-sponsored by ASA below 40 (Swiss Arbitration Association). The social and economic importance of sport has increased dramatically in the recent years. Arbitration has now become the ordinary way of disputes resolution in the field of sport. Disputes related to contracts between sportsmen and clubs or agents, disciplinary sanctions or doping cases are generally submitted to arbitration. Brand new international rules of law, the so-called *lex sportiva*, and arbitration practices have been developed, which cannot be ignored by young lawyers interested in arbitration or in sport law.

In a format designed to guarantee a lively debate, delivered by speakers practicing sports arbitration at the highest level, the presentations will be followed by panel discussions and will be tailored to the practical needs of sports arbitration users.

This seminar will be a good occasion to learn from top-level practitioners and academics and exchange and discuss views on sports arbitration. The venue will be Lausanne, Switzerland, which is the seat of the Court of Arbitration for Sport and of the International Olympic Committee, two important bodies in the recent development of the Sports Arbitration phenomenon.

The seminar is a must for all lawyers interested in Sports Arbitration and those who wish to be better prepared for future disputes. It will also be a good opportunity for young practitioners to establish and develop relationships with colleagues from other firms and countries.

The two-day seminar program will cover major aspects of sports arbitration starting by an overview on Sports, Litigation and Arbitration followed by general and specific presentations on CAS Arbitration: including Jurisdiction and Applicable law, Appeal proceedings and ordinary proceedings in front of CAS. The program will give insight into Arbitration of football disputes according to the FIFA Regulation, Arbitration in doping cases and Arbitration of sports disputes outside CAS: Formula 1 and America’s Cup. We will also have users providing an appreciation of sports arbitration.

Social Programme

A visit to Lausanne would not be complete without the opportunity to enjoy the city’s sights on the lake and on the mountains, as well as the quality of life of this small but multi-cultural city. You will also have the opportunity to discover why Lausanne is considered as having one of the best, if not the best nightlife in Switzerland. The Organizing Committee will work hard to ensure there is an exciting line up of social events that take in the best that Lausanne has to offer.

We look forward to welcoming you in Lausanne on 25-26 March 2011.

The Organizing Committee