We are delighted to announce that CIArb's third and final international conference this year will be taking place in Paris this December.

This meeting will discuss the **Synergy and Divergence between Civil Law and Common Law in International Arbitration** from both a European and American angle. The two-day conference will showcase lectures and panel discussions led by experts from across the world.

The event provides an incredible opportunity to engage with specialists within the dispute resolution field, network with other members of the ADR community and forge new business relationships.
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D malware ONE

8.00  Registration and Coffee

9.00  Welcome and Opening Comments
     Mr Romain Dupeyré (Master of Ceremony), Partner, DWF (France) AARPI
     Mr Anthony Abrahams, Director General, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
     Professor Dr Nayla Comair-Obeid, President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
     Mr Alexis Mourre, President, ICC International Court of Arbitration

9.20  Keynote Speech
     Speaker to be confirmed

9.40  Panel Discussion 1: The Role of Legislation in Developing and Sustaining an Arbitration Friendly Seat
     Chair: Lord Keen of Elie QC, Advocate General for Scotland
     - The Model Law as a case study: Have the different countries adopted the ML? If not, why not?
       To be addressed by all speakers
     - Features and specificities of modern arbitration legislation
       Speaker to be confirmed
     - Immunity of arbitrators, challenges, liability and fees
       Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP, Member of Parliament for Beaconsfield
     - Setting aside arbitral awards
       Mr Felix Dasser, Partner, Homburger (Zurich)
     - London Principles on a safe seat and its impact on legislation
       Professor Janet Walker, Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (Ontario)
     - American legislative perception to arbitration
       Mr John D. Daley, Deputy Assistant Legal Adviser, US Department of State

11.10 Coffee Break

11.30  Panel Discussion 2: What the Client Wants - Strategic Choices in Drafting Arbitration Agreements
     Chair: Mr Audley Sheppard QC, Partner, Clifford Chance (London)
     - Choice between ad hoc and institutional arbitration: is there a civil/common law divergence?
       Speaker to be confirmed
     - Are international or regional institutions more favourable?
       Speaker to be confirmed
     - Are there favourable institutions for certain disputes or certain states?
       Speaker to be confirmed
     - Time and cost: Effective dispute management
       Speaker to be confirmed
     - Essential elements in drafting arbitration clauses (including choice of applicable law, seat and
       language of the arbitration)
       Mr Pierrick Le Goff, General Counsel, Alstom (France)

13.00 Lunch

14.00  Panel Discussion 3: The Perspective from Arbitral Institutions on Building the Synergy between Civil
        and Common Law
        Chair: Mr Alexis Mourre, President, ICC International Court of Arbitration
        - Role of arbitral institutions in bridging the gap between civil and common law
          Ms Claire de Tassigny Schuetze, Senior Legal Counsel, Permanent Court of Arbitration
        - The influence of UNICITRAL Arbitration Rules
          Dr Jackie van Haersolte-van Hof, Director General, London Court of International Arbitration
        - What role should arbitral institutions have at inception and during the arbitration proceedings?
          Ms Sasha Carbone, Associate General Counsel, American Arbitration Association
        - Should institutional rules be legal system neutral?
          Ms Annette Magnusson, Secretary General, Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce
        - New trends in arbitration rules
          Professor Diego P. Fernández Arroyo, Professor of International and Comparative Law, School of Law of
          Sciences Po, Paris
        - What is the difference between local, regional and international institutions?
          To be addressed by all speakers

15.30 Coffee Break
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15.50 Panel Discussion 4: The Art of Advocacy - The Civil and Common Law Styles  
Co-Chairs: Ms Ann Ryan Robertson, International Partner, Locke Lord (Texas)  
Dr Axel Reeg, Partner, Reeg Rechtsanwälte (Germany)  
- The true role of counsel: rights, obligations and tactics  
  Mr Derek Wood CBE QC, Falcon Chambers Arbitration (London)  
- Written pleadings and ascertaining the content of the applicable laws  
  Ms Wendy J Miles QC, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton (London)  
- Weighing the evidence: experts and witnesses v. documentary evidence  
  Professor Georges Affaki, Partner, Affaki Société d’Avocats (Paris)  
- Cross examination and oral pleadings  
  Professor Pierre Mayer, Mayer Pierre Cabinet d’Avocats (Paris)  
- Fees and costs  
  Mr Laurence Shore, Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills (New York)

17.20 Open Forum: Civil-Common Law Divergence and Convergence – The Telecommunications and New Technologies Case Study  
Chair: Mr Elie Kleiman, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Paris)  
- Public-private partnerships in the telecommunication industry and the common law/civil law dichotomy  
  Mr Tom Cunningham, Principal, Tom Alan Cunningham PLLC (Texas)  
- Security, privacy and evidence  
  Mr Michael Polkinghorne, Partner, White & Case (Paris)  
- Electronic disclosure in international arbitration  
  Professor Julian Lew QC, 20 Essex Street (London)  
- Rise of mediation and other forms of ADR for the resolution of telecommunications/new technologies disputes  
  Mrs Beatrice Castellane, Partner, Cabinet Castellane Avocats (Paris)  
  Professor Thomas Halket, Adjunct Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law

18.50 Drinks reception

DAY TWO

8.30 Registration and Coffee

9.00 Welcome Address  
Mrs Laurence Burger, Chair, European Branch, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators  
Dr Jalal El Ahdab, Chair, Paris Chapter, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

9.15 Panel Discussion 5: The New Global Order and Arbitration  
Chair: Ms Teresa Cheng, Chair, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre  
- The EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and arbitration  
  Professor Antonio Crivellaro, Partner Emeritus, BonelliErede (Milan)  
- How Investment Treaty Arbitration Can Best Serve Its Goals?  
  Mr David W Rivkin, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton (New York)  
- Impact of Brexit on arbitration  
  Mr Nigel Rawding QC, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (London)  
- Investment arbitration in search of its new frontiers  
  Professor Benoit Le Bars, Partner, Lazareff Le Bars (Paris)  
- Delocalisation of arbitral awards  
  Speaker to be confirmed

10.45 Coffee Break
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11.15 Panel Discussion 6: Judicial Intervention, Perceptions and Reactions: The Civil and Common Law Approaches
Chair: The Honourable Sir Vivian Arthur Ramsey, Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court
- Judicial approaches to arbitration
  Lord Neuberger, President of The Supreme Court, The Right Hon the Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury
- Judicial appointments in arbitration
  Justice Rosemary Barkett, Former US Circuit Judge of the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and Judge of the Iran-US Claims Tribunal
- Challenges to arbitrators: judicial perceptions (including immunity of arbitrators)
  Lt Col EMG Nicolas von Werdt, Judge, Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland
- Annulment of arbitral awards
  Judge Dominique Hascher, Judge, French Cour de Cassation
- Enforcement and recognition of awards, decisions and orders
  Speaker to be confirmed

12.45 Lunch

14.00 Panel Discussion 7: Arbitrators - The Civil and Common Law Styles
Chair: Ms Carole Malinvaud, Partner, Gide Loyrette Nouel (Paris)
- The role of arbitrators between facts, law and justice
  Professor Bernardo M. Cremades Sanz-Pastor, Founding Partner, Cremades y Asociados (Madrid)
- Immunity of arbitrators
  Mr Alan Redfern, One Essex Court (London)
- Assessment of evidence from a civil law perspective
  Professor Ibrahim Fadlallah, Independent Arbitrator and Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Paris
- Role in ascertaining the content of the applicable law
  Mr Lawrence Newman, Of Counsel, Baker & McKenzie LLP (New York)
- Tribunal dynamics
  Mr Elliott Geisinger, Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer (Geneva)
- Experts: party appointed/tribunal appointed
  To be addressed by all speakers
- Merits of civil v common/burden of education
  To be addressed by all speakers

15.30 Coffee Break

16.00 Panel Discussion 8: The Civil-Common Law Dichotomy: Practical Solutions to Current Problems
Chair: Professor Phillip Capper, Partner, White & Case (London)
- Approach to factual and legal issues
  Mr Reza Mohtashami, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Paris)
- Approaches to choice of arbitrators
  Professor Karl-Heinz Böckstiegel, Independent arbitrator and Former Patron of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- The decision-making process
  Mr Alexander G. Fessas, Secretary General, ICC International Court of Arbitration
- The role of academics in bridging the gap between common law and civil law
  Professor Dr Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab, Head of Arbitration, Zulficar & Partners (Cairo)
- Adversarial and inquisitorial techniques
  Ms Lucy Greenwood, Principal, GreenwoodArbitration (Texas)
- Document production
  Speaker to be confirmed

17.30 Concluding remarks
Professor Pierre Tercier, Emeritus Professor, University of Fribourg
Professor George A. Bermann, Professor of EU Law, Columbia Law School

18.15 Closing remarks and end of meeting
Professor Dr Nayla Comair-Obeid, President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
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