



## **AIA News**

### **European Mediation Training for Practitioners of Justice 2017 (EMTPJ 2017)**



**On 14-25 August, AIA held EMTPJ 2017, an intensive course on cross border mediation in civil and commercial matters, tailored to cover both theoretical and practical elements of mediation from the European perspective.**



In the course of the 11-day training, EMT PJ participants were exposed to different situations and scenarios that are often experienced by professional mediators. This year's course was taught by several specialists, including Mr. Philippe Billiet, Ms. Arina Gorbatyuk, Mr. Bernhard Wisleitner, Mr. Johan Billiet, Mr. Willem Meuwissen, Ms. Barbara Gayse, Ms. Dilyara Nigmatullina and Ms. Anne Witters.

The AIA received very positive feedback from the participants of EMT PJ 2017 and we are already looking forward to the 2018 edition!

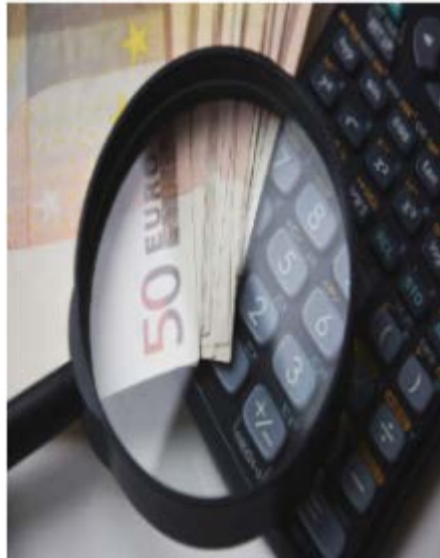


Here is what one of the EMTPJ 2017 participants, Mr. Jan Cornelis (Professor Emeritus at Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Senior Adviser at the Brussels Diplomatic Academy), said about the course:

*"In a 100+ hour course, teachers shared their mediation expertise with high professionalism, enthusiasm, generosity and humor. Trainees were immersed in theory and practice for 11 days. The sessions were mind-broadening far beyond the primary course subject of Facilitative Mediation and the broader domain of ADR (...). The unanimous enthusiasm of trainees and trainers is rooted in the course set-up itself aiming at (i) acquiring skills through realistic role games, (ii) multiple teachers elucidating the same corpus of course material from different viewpoints, (iii) sharing best practices between trainers and trainees, (iv) confronting different visions and professional ethics. The audience consisted of trainees with heterogeneous professional backgrounds (lawyers, a university student, diplomats, mediators, a university professor in engineering sciences and a CEO of a multinational) and different nationalities (US/UK, Malaysia, Suriname, Lebanon, Albania, Zambia, Belgium and Liberia) – this diversity has united us during 11 days. Although humor was never far away and laughter was resonating through the premises, the temporary ecosystem that emerged during the course was one of eagerness to learn, critical questioning, perseverance to understand the deep concepts and nuances behind mediation and arbitration, as opposed to litigation.(...) Finally, the day of the exam came. Some anxiety, stress, and concentration during the lunch break were clearly noticeable. At the end of the day, the certificates were distributed. The day thereafter, I found 64 messages in the WhatsApp EMTPJ 2017 group and several e-mails were exchanged. EMTPJ 2017 was not only about following a course but also about networking and bringing people together with very different backgrounds but sharing common interests."*

## **AIA Forthcoming Events**

### **Master Class on Investment Arbitration**



The Master Class is organized together with the Brussels Diplomatic Academy. The law on foreign investment protection is one of the fastest developing and intellectually challenging branches of international law with high practical relevance. Investment arbitration is predicted to be a major factor in the development of the global economic system.

**Date:** 18 – 21 September 2017

**Location:** Vrije Universiteit Brussel

**Cost:** Non-Members 1850 EUR excl. VAT / AIA Members 925 EUR excl. VAT

For more information and registration, click [here](#).

## **AIA Brussels Arbitration School 2017 (ABAS) Autumn Edition**



**ABAS 2017 is a five-day intensive training on arbitration, which rewards its participants with an ABAS arbitrator certificate. The curriculum of the program is conceived by arbitration experts and it is aimed at lawyers, in house counsel, experts and alternative dispute resolution practitioners from around the globe. The training also offers excellent networking opportunities.**

**Confirmed speakers include Alexander Hansebout, Philippe Billiet, Frank Wijckmans, Jörn Hombeck, Flip Petillion, Geert De Buyzer, Dilyara Nigmatullina, Iuliana Iancu, Panos Chalkias, Zena Prodromou, Eric van Eyken, Jan Jansen, Emily Hay, Benoit Simpelaere, Michel Segers, Willem Meuwissen, Joanna Kraus-Kolber, Stan Putter, Olivier van der Haegen, Ignace Claeys, Gladys Bagasin, Marijn De Ruyscher, and Arnaud Nuyts.**

**Do not miss out on the opportunity to hear professionals and experts discussing a wide range of relevant and important issues facing international arbitration.**

**Date: 23 - 27 October 2017**

**Location: Avenue Louise 146, Brussels**

**Cost: Non-Members 800 EUR excl. VAT / AIA Members 400 EUR excl. VAT/ Early bird rate until 1 September 600 EUR excl. VAT**

For more information and registration, click [here](#).

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