

## List of speakers and chairpersons

**Nicole Appert**, In-house Lawyer, Alstom, Switzerland

**Sinan Aygun**, President of Ankara Chamber of Commerce

**Bennar Balkaya**, Partner, Balkaya & Balkaya Attorneys At Law, Istanbul, Turkey

**Ketevan Betaneli**, Attorney at Law, Tbilisi, Georgia

**Andrew Burr**, Adjudicator, Arbitrator and Barrister, Atkin Chambers, London, England; Chairman, European Branch, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

**Teresa Cheng SC**, President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

**Virginie Colaiuta**, Partner, Hughes Hubbard Reed LLP, Paris, France

**Nayla Comair-Obeid**, Chairman, Lebanon Branch, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

**Bernd Ehle**, Attorney at Law, Lalive, Geneva, Switzerland

**Michael Forbes Smith**, Director General, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, England

**Elliott Geisinger**, Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer, Geneva, Switzerland

**Mehmet Gun**, Founding Partner, Mehmet Gun and Partners, Istanbul, Turkey

**Sanja Juric**, Attorney at Law, Zagreb, Croatia

**Deniz Kite**, l'accadémie Areté, Istanbul

**Christopher Koch**, Attorney at Law, Georgana and Koch, Geneva, Switzerland

**Keith Pickavance**, Vice President, Hill International, Inc, London, England

**Gary Poon**, Global Intermediation, Washington DC, USA

**Philip Punwar**, Barrister, Al Tamimi and Company, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

**Mark Raeside QC**, Arbitrator and Barrister, Atkin Chambers, London

**The Hon Mr Justice Vivian Ramsey**, Technology and Construction Court, London, England

**Axel Reeg**, Attorney at Law, Mannheim, Germany

**Mauro Rubino-Sammartano** President, Cour Européenne d'Arbitrage, Milan, Italy

**Eugen Salpius**, Attorney at Law, Salzburg, Austria and Past President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, European Branch

**Professor Ahmet Sozen**, Director, Cyprus Policy Center

**Angelos Syrigos**, Attorney at Law, Athens, Greece and legal advisor to the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Joseph Tirado**, Head of International Arbitration, Norton Rose LLP, London, England

**His Honour Judge John Toulmin CMG QC**, Technology and Construction Court, London, England

**Suzanne Wolfe Martin**, Attorney at Law, Geneva and Prague

**Rabab Yasseen**, Partner, Mentha and Partners, Deputy Judge, Geneva Civil Court, Geneva, Switzerland

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The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators is a leading centre of excellence for the development of arbitration, mediation and dispute resolution at all levels. Formed as a charity, it promotes training and the establishment and maintenance of standards within the field.

Its European Branch will (in collaboration with the Lebanon Branch) be organising its yearly spring meeting on 1-4 May 2008 in Istanbul, Turkey on Conflict Avoidance and Resolution in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

The meeting is being organised in conjunction with Deniz Kite, of l'accadémie Areté, Istanbul. Deniz is a mediator, poet, song writer and peace lover, who, in 2006, began a project entitled "Culture of Peace", and **Bennar Balkaya**, of Balkaya and Balkaya, Attorneys at Law, a member of the European Branch based in the city, who has been primary organiser on behalf of the European Branch.

The event will deal with the following topics:

- construction dispute avoidance and resolution: pre-hearing matters and case management
- modern practice at construction arbitration hearings and mediations
- from dispute to agreement: possible resolutions of local inter-state conflicts
- an international perspective: how culture affects agreements and conflicts.

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### Travel to Istanbul.

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**London Luton: Easy-Jet (distant airport)**  
**London Stansted: Turkish Air**



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## CONFLICT AVOIDANCE AND RESOLUTION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION

**Istanbul, Turkey**  
**1-4 May 2008**

**Organisers:**  
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European Branch

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Chartered Institute of Arbitrators,  
Lebanon Branch  
and l'accadémie Areté, Istanbul

**Language:**  
English

## Friday, 2 May 2008

- 13:00 Registration of participants and welcome buffet lunch
- 14:00 **Welcome address**  
*Barbara Hay*: Consul General of the British Consulate General, Istanbul
- 14:15 **Keynote address**  
*Haluk Kabaalioglu*: Dean of Yeditepe School of Law, Istanbul
- 14:30 **Construction dispute avoidance and resolution: pre-hearing matters and case management**
- Chair: *Mr Justice Vivian Ramsey*
- Speakers: *Ketevan Betaneli*: Construction dispute resolution in Georgia - legislative support  
*Virginie Colaiuta*: arbitrators' powers to order interim protection  
*Elliott Geisinger*: the use of outside counsel as contract manager  
*Sanja Juric*: pre-hearing construction arbitration practice in Croatia  
*Christopher Koch*: pre-arbitral referee procedures and rules  
*His Honour Judge John Toulmin CMG QC*: arbitrators taking procedural control: a good idea, or not?
- 16:00 Afternoon tea break
- 16:30 **Modern practice at construction arbitration hearings and mediations**
- Chair: *Mauro Rubino-Sammartano*
- Speakers: *Nicole Appert*: the use of witness conferencing in arbitration hearings  
*Keith Pickavance*: the modern rôle of the independent expert witness  
*Mark Raeside*: techniques for handling the cross-cultural tribunal  
*Bernd Ehle*: arbitral practice and procedure in Qatar  
*Joseph Tirado*: med-arb and similar ADR techniques
- 18:00 General discussion and questions from the floor led by *Andrew Burr* (retiring Chairman, European Branch)
- 18:30 End of the first conference day
- 19:30 Relaxed welcome cocktail party (generously sponsored by Balkaya and Balkaya, Attorneys at Law), with the opportunity for arbitration and ADR end users to meet international arbitrators and mediators
- 20:30 Relaxed supper at Hamdi restaurant

## Saturday, 3 May 2008

- 09:30 **From dispute to agreement: possible resolutions of local inter-state conflicts**
- Chair: *Deniz Kite*
- Speakers: *Michael Forbes Smith*: diplomatic negotiation techniques adopted in the "Stans"  
*Ahmet Sozen*: the view from North Cyprus  
*Sinan Aygun*: a Turkish viewpoint  
*Angelos Syrigos*: the Greek approach
- 11:00 Morning coffee break
- 11:30 **An international perspective: how culture affects agreements and conflicts**
- Chair: *Suzanne Wolfe Martin*
- Speakers: **Bennar Balkaya: enforcement of international arbitral awards in Turkey**  
*Nayla Comair-Obeid*: why are there so few female international commercial arbitrators?  
*Mehmet Gun*: practical aspects of arbitration: a Turkish perspective  
*Gary Poon*: cross-cultural mediation techniques  
*Philip Punwar*: arbitration law reform in the UAE  
*Eugen Salpius*: introduction to the new Salzburg Arbitration Centre  
*Rabab Yasseen*: is there a gender issue in international commercial arbitration?
- 12:45 General discussion and questions from the floor led by *Axel Reeg*, (incoming Chairman, European Branch)
- Morning: Guided tour of the old city for accompanying persons
- 13:00 Buffet lunch for all chairs, speakers and participants
- 14:30 - 16:00 European Branch Annual General Meeting
- 16:00 - 17:00 Roundtable discussion for country representatives and Chapter co-ordinators
- 19:00 Departure of coaches from the World Park Hotel
- 20:00 Boat cruise on the Bosphorus and gala dinner, followed by belly dancing by the "Turkish delights"! Pre-dinner address: *Teresa Cheng SC*, President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

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## Sunday, 4 May 2008

- 10:00 Guided tour of the old city, or free time for sight-seeing

**Programme may be subject to amendment**  
**For programme updates please see:**  
**[www.european-arbitrators.org](http://www.european-arbitrators.org)**

### Hate or Love (written by Deniz Kite)

Doves I see all around  
Tell me nothing...  
Oh we can stop the war  
And children crying

Today what is there  
Tomorrow will be here  
Oh wake up my friend  
All the world is in fear  
Now or it ends  
Please understand  
Tell me something  
Don't you see it all?

Now or it ends  
Please understand  
Our souls are dying  
Don't you see it all?  
Hate or love  
Material or soul  
Please understand  
And believe me more than ever...

How can children grow  
If we do not stop war?  
How can we still fight

How can we not learn  
We need a peace at home,  
Peace in the world.  
Don't let nations cry anymore

Hate or love  
Material or soul  
Please understand  
And believe me more than ever...

Watch the video at:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2P8hV99cw40>