New Website

We have launched our new website www.swissarbitration.org to provide information about arbitration and mediation in Switzerland under the Swiss Rules and to introduce the Swiss Chambers’ Arbitration Institution (“SCAI”) to all those who seek the best arbitration institution and rules for their contracts and/or disputes. The website offers optimal explicit guidance and assistance on issues related to the filing of a notice of arbitration, the organization of hearings, the search for counsel, arbitrators and mediators; and, even, the translation of an arbitration-related document as well as information on future events.

The website contains relevant information About Us and a short Introduction to Swiss arbitration and the Swiss Rules, along with a detailed explanatory flyer available in nine languages.

We recommend that contracting parties use our Model Arbitration Clause, available in 16 languages. Companies with a foreseeable need for a particularly efficient resolution of their disputes will be interested in our new customizable arbitration clause which allows parties to agree in advance to have any disputes that might arise from their contract, decided within six months from transmission of the file to the arbitral tribunal; to shorten deadlines; and/or, to waive oral hearings.

In addition, the website contains:

- the original version of the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration in English and its official translations in 13 languages;
- information regarding the initiation and organization of arbitration proceedings (e.g. how and where to initiate arbitration and pay the registration fees; how to assess the likely cost of an arbitration, organize hearings in Switzerland or abroad (under the Swiss Rules, hearings may take place in any convenient place in Switzerland or abroad); or how to find counsel and potential arbitrators);
- the SCAI Guidelines for Arbitrators, Swiss international arbitration law, Swiss domestic arbitration law and Swiss contract and corporate Law, in English, French, German and Italian (available here); and
- references to relevant case law and decisions of the SCAI Arbitration Court, as well as to arbitration and mediation-related publications in several languages.

We also assist parties to ad-hoc proceedings with the appointment of arbitrators. Our Rules for SCAI as Appointing Authority are now available in English, German and French.

Our recommended Mediation Clauses and the Swiss Rules of Commercial Mediation, available in four languages, are made for parties willing to discuss mutually agreeable solutions with a mediator and aiming to reach an amicable settlement of their dispute. Information about initiating mediation, finding the right mediator, and the cost of mediation is displayed on our website, along with some relevant publications.

SCAI Court of Arbitration & Secretariat

Welcome address

We are pleased to announce that Mr Boris Vittoz has joined the SCAI Arbitration Court. Mr Vittoz of CPV Partners in Lausanne has extensive experience in international arbitration and litigation, and highly-regarded
expertise and command of the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration, as well as setting aside and enforcement proceedings before Swiss courts. He is also listed as an arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Mr Vittoz will be a valuable addition to the SCAI Arbitration Court, and we are confident that he will contribute significantly to the swift administration of Swiss Rules arbitration proceedings and to the development of the Court’s practice.

The composition of the Secretariat of the Arbitration Court’s team in the Geneva office also changed, with the arrival of three new legal counsels: Ms Valériane Oreamuno, Ms Stella Sakellaridou and Ms Jennyfer Dreyfuss (from left to right on the picture). The team operates under the auspices of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services (CCIG). It is headed by Ms Valériane Oreamuno, Senior Legal Counsel, under the direction of Mr Vincent Subilia, Deputy Director of the CCIG and Member of the SCAI’s Board.

A farewell note and thank you

We sincerely thank Mr Pierre Müller, Judge and Vice-Chairman of the Vaud Cantonal Court, as well as Dr Olivier Freymond and Dr Pierre-André Oberson of Freymond, Tschumy & Associés in Lausanne, who are leaving the SCAI Arbitration Court after having served three mandates each. SCAI greatly appreciates their excellent work and cooperation throughout the years, as well as their contributions to the drafting of the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration and the smooth and expeditious administration of the cases they followed.

Highlights of SCAI's 2015 Statistics

The 2015 and the 2004-2015 statistics confirm that thousands of companies from all over the world continue trusting and valuing the dispute resolution services provided by SCAI, pursuant to the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration. In 2015, 89% of the 100 cases submitted were international, with 115 Claimants based in 35 different countries, and 118 Respondents based in 36 different countries. Parties based in 49 different countries were involved in the cases filed in 2015.

The vast majority of the corporations and individuals involved had also agreed to benefit from the business-friendly, stable and concise Swiss law as the law applicable to the merits of their dispute, and to take advantage of its availability in four languages (English, French, German and Italian). Statistics also reveal that while the maximum amount at stake ever entrusted to SCAI was above CHF 1.6 billion (approximately € 1.47 billion, USD 1.62 billion), the average amount at stake is 15 million (approximately € 14 million, USD 15.5 million) and the median amount at stake is CHF 1.2 million (approximately € 1.10 million, USD 1.22 million) for the period 2004-2015.

We are particularly proud that the statistics reflect our commitment to fair representation and gender equality. In 2015, 47% of the arbitrators appointed by the SCAI Arbitration Court were women. Our signing of the “Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge” this spring confirms our determination to continue on this path.

Further detailed statistics and comments can be found on our website.
Upcoming Events

We are pleased to invite you to the forthcoming events that SCAI will host, organize, sponsor or otherwise support. A full list of the upcoming events in 2016 is available on our [website](#).

Following our very successful event in Lugano, in early June 2016, where we introduced our new team members and informed our users of new developments towards "Efficient Dispute Resolution", SCAI will host a follow-up event:

**International Arbitration: Instructions for Use**

The event will be held in **Geneva on Friday, 7 October 2016**, and will feature a debate between practitioners and users. The conference will take place in the premises of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce (CCIG) and is jointly organized by SCAI, the Italian Forum for Arbitration and ADR (arbit), and the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC). The SCAI Arbitration Court and the Secretariat will address new developments and updates. Arbitration practitioners and users will share their views on topics such as time management techniques, practical solutions on costs, emergency arbitrators and expedited procedures.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Furthermore, we suggest you consider attending the following events:

- **Time is Money: How to Prevent and Efficiently Manage Commodities Trade-Related Disputes**
  Lausanne, 1 September 2016. A conference co-organized by ASA and SCAI, to be held at the Hotel Beau-Rivage Palace. The program is available [here](#).

- **ASA General Meeting & Conference**
  on Quantifying Claims in Post M&A Disputes
  Geneva, 16 September 2016. The program is available [here](#).

- **SCAI Roadshow in Tel Aviv**
  Tel Aviv, 20 - 21 September 2016. Persons interested in meeting SCAI Executive Director and Court Members in Tel Aviv may contact [c.ming@swissarbitration.org](mailto:c.ming@swissarbitration.org).

- **Shaping the Future of Dispute Resolution & Improving Access to Justice**
  Geneva, 29 September 2016. This Conference, which is part of the worldwide Global Pound Conference Series, will feature a discussion on commercial dispute resolution in all its forms. Participants will be invited to share ideas and vote on ways and means to make improvements in the field. Participants include businesses, law firms, arbitrators and mediators, academics, relevant government representatives and, of course, SCAI. With your participation, we hope to improve dispute resolution worldwide. The Program is available [here](#).

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Pictures of SCAI, ACC, ASA, GASI & STSA Lugano June event

![Jon Becker (ACC), Dr Philipp Habegger (SCAI), Prof Henry Peter (ASA/GASI), Lugano 3 June 2016 SCAI event](#)

![Mr Frank Spoorenberg, Dr Philipp Habegger and Dr Cesare Jermini, Chair and vice-Chairs of the SCAI Arbitration Court, Lugano 3 June 2016 SCAI event](#)
Pictures and reports of our other events will be provided in our next Newsletter. Stay tuned!