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PREFACE

This is our first Annual Report providing detailed insight into our work in 2016 as well as statistical details that we thought interesting for a broader audience and also to enhance transparency.

The year 2016 set the ground for important new developments for our institution underlining VIAC's status as the premier international arbitration institution in Central and Eastern Europe. The call of practitioners to provide an interface between arbitration and other means of dispute resolution led to VIAC's overhaul of its conciliation rules and the launch of the new Vienna Mediation Rules that entered into force on 1 January 2016. The new mechanism is described in detail in the Handbook Vienna Mediation Rules commenting these rules.



The 2nd IBA-VIAC Consensual Dispute Resolution Competition (CDRC Vienna) at the end of June was the first practice test for the new VIAC Mediation Rules and it went very well.

In February and March 2016 the VIAC-team joined all its forces for the preparation of the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot and the Vis East with its various Pre-Moots. As this year's Vis Moot was governed by the VIAC arbitration rules, VIAC also hosted a special reception in the famous Sky-Lounge following the Bergsten Lecture.

We were also very proud that Vienna had been shortlisted as one of seven cities to host the ICCA Congress 2020.

In an effort to enhance women and diversity in arbitration, VIAC was among the first organizations to sign the ERA Pledge - with its Deputy Secretary General being in the Steering Committee. In this connection VIAC co-organized two events on "Unconscious Bias" with Arbitral Women in June and October 2016 which were a great success. The VIAC Board is dedicated to ensure diversity also in its arbitrator appointments as you may well see from the statistics as the ration of Board appointed women was 50%.

And, most importantly, we have seen an increase of 50% of new cases received in 2016 – this is very reassuring. Let me thank you on behalf of VIAC for your confidence and trust in our institution and for all the loyalty and great support we received.

Dr. Anton Baier

President of the VIAC-Board

EVENTS

Every year VIAC hosts several events in Austria and abroad and engages in various new initiatives and co-operations. The most important ones in 2016 were:

13th Vis East Moot

On the occasion of the Vis East in Hong Kong from 7 – 13 March 2016 VIAC organized a joint event with HKIAC on the topic **"One size fits all? A cultural lens on the ideal arbitrator"**. Under the moderation of Maria-Krystyna Duval (HKIAC) and Nikolaus Pitkowitz (VIAC) a panel of six experts (Valentina Wong, William Hay, Sean Lim, Colin Ong, Mustafa Hadi and Zachary Xin) debated the top qualities expected from an ideal arbitrator and how to find out about these. The debate was followed by a lively discussion and concluded by a wine tasting.



The Prevailing team in the Oral Arguments was the Chinese University of Hong Kong who won against Singapore Management University. The Finals which were judged by the tribunal consisting of Lucy Reed, VIAC Vice President Nikolaus Pitkowitz and Glenn Hailey.

23rd Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

The famous Vis Moot where students from all over the world get together in Vienna to arbitrate a CISG case was in 2016 governed by the Vienna Rules on Arbitration. VIAC was very proud to present the institution and its rules to such a learned audience and be the focus of attention worldwide.



Starting in February, Dr. Heider and Dr. Fremuth-Wolf as well as our Board members attended various **Pre-Moots** in Europe, America and Asia to show appreciation to the hard-working students.

On 19 March 2016 VIAC and HKIAC organized the very successful part II of the **"One size fits all? A cultural lens on the ideal arbitrator"** discussion at the premises of the famous Bakery Demel in Vienna.



While drinking Viennese coffee and enjoying the finest pastries, Chiann Bao (HKIAC) and Nikolaus Pitkowitz (VIAC) moderated a superb panel consisting of Mariel Dimsey, Gefion Hauer, Christopher Lau, Ulrike Paukner, Sherlin Tung, Stephan Wilske.

The big event in March took place from 18 – 23 March 2016. Over 2,500 students from 67 countries gathered in Vienna to test their skills in a mock arbitration case, judged by 900 internationally renowned arbitrators. VIAC's Vice-President, Günther

Horvath, welcomed all participants during the famous opening in the Konzerthaus and stressed the importance of peaceful dispute resolution and events like the Vis Moot. The Finals were chaired by our Deputy Secretary General, Alice Fremuth-Wolf, in the great company of Gary Born



and Harry Flechtner.

The 1st prize went to the team from the

University of Buenos Aires (María Guillermina Fortunati, Juan Massun, Juan Ignacio González Mayer and Iván Levy). VIAC's Secretariat supported the students also physically by providing a breakfast corner at the Moot location.

4th Bergsten Lecture

In 2016 VIAC also hosted the "4th Eric Bergsten Lecture" during the Vis Moot week in Vienna, which was delivered by Franz Schwarz on the subject of



"Systematic Case Management and the Burden of Proof: Taking Evidence Across Cultural Divides." Paul Oberhammer, Dean of the Law Faculty, moderated a lively



discussion with panelists Istvan Varga

and Gerold Zeiler. After the Lecture, nearly 400 guests followed VIAC's invitation for cocktails and spent a memorable evening in the Chamber's Sky Lounge.



IBA-VIAC Consensual Dispute Resolution Competition (CDRC)

Another big international student competition was held in Vienna from 28 June to 2 July. For the second time the IBA together with VIAC organized a Consensual Dispute Resolution Competition where 200 selected students guided by many top mediation and negotiation professionals from

around the world could build their mediation and



negotiation skills. In this moot competition in the field of mediation students had to prove their skills in simulated mediation sessions based on an adapted version of the Vis Moot problem. The Finals between SUNY Buffalo Law School and University of Sofia were mediated by Pritika Malhotra from National Law University Delhi, who won the 1st prize for Best Mediator. The 1st prize for Negotiation went to University



of Sofia.

Vienna Arbitration Days (VAD) 2016

Austria's leading annual Conference on arbitration, the **Vienna Arbitration Days**, co-organized by VIAC, took place from 22 to 23 January with the topic "The Road to Predictability in International Arbitration". The VAD are already a well-established event that

every year calls arbitration practitioners from many countries to



Vienna. One of the highlights is the visit of a traditional Viennese ball, this year it was the Ball of Industry and Technology held in the Golden Musikverein Hall. VIAC's Secretary General, Manfred Heider, warmly welcomed the 200 participants and reminded in his opening remarks that one of the concerns that business people had about referring potential disputes to arbitration was their sense that they were not quite sure what they were getting into. Thus predictability was a big topic.

UNCITRAL-VIAC-IMI Conference

This **Joint Conference** took place on 21 September 2016 as a side event of the session of the UNCITRAL Working Group on Arbitration and Conciliation and addressed questions relating to settlement agreements resulting from mediation. It offered an opportunity to pose pragmatic questions to distinguished practicing mediators and users on how mediation issues are handled in practice.



Two prominent panels discussed issues relating to enforcement of settlement agreements resulting from mediation. This event was meant to serve as an interface between practitioners, working group members and other interested stakeholders to help understand each other and to offer a platform in which the end-users may express their interests and opinions. It was a great success and will hopefully be continued.



Unconscious Bias Workshops

As another effort to enhance women and diversity in arbitration, VIAC co-organized two Workshops on "**Unconscious Bias**" together with Arbitral Women. The first



was hosted on 2 June by Freshfields and the second one

was hosted by Knoetzl. on 21 October. Each time, more than 50 participants attended and were excited to listen to a key-note speech delivered by Rashda Rana, president of AW, a workshop conducted by Ema Vidak-Gojkovic, Executive Board YAWP, a panel discussion moderated by Alice Fremuth-Wolf, VIAC's Deputy Secretary General, and a negotiation training by Claudia Winkler and Charlie La Fond. Both events were a great success and raised awareness for this sensitive topic to which VIAC is very much dedicated (read more below at the ERA-pledge section).



Events with other organizations

VIAC enjoys very good relations with academia and other national and international organizations and organized various joint seminars and conferences in 2016:

For two decades now, the "**Hernstein Seminar**" is organized annually together



with Vienna's Law Faculty. On 28 and 29 January 2016 students and

associates were invited to discuss current

subjects in international arbitration in an academic environment followed by a “Mock-arbitration” where the participants could act like in a real arbitration hearing.

On 29 November 2016 a conference jointly organized by **VIAC, KCAB and SIDRC** took place on the topic **“A New Era for Arbitration in Korea and Austria?”**. This Seminar discussed measures implemented and contemplated by KCAB, SIDRC and VIAC to enhance transparency, legitimacy and efficiency, including information on arbitrators, proceedings and awards and challenge procedures as well as mediation. The event was followed by a networking cocktail.

Additional Mediation Events

2016’s big new topic was mediation. Following the release of VIAC’s Mediation Rules on 1st January and the issuance of the commenting handbook, VIAC organized various events promoting these new rules:

The first chance was the anniversary event **“11 years of business mediation”** on 27 April 2016, where VIAC presented its rules to the Austrian business mediator scene.



The **Forum Commercial Mediation** in Linz on 16 June 2016 was attended by Sonja Rogge, who had the possibility to present the Vienna Mediation Rules to the Austrian mediation community.

Similar presentations were held on 21 September 2016 at a **round table** organized by the **“Network Mediation”** and on 30 November 2016 organized by **“Forum for Commercial Mediation”**.



Events with the regional Austrian Bar Associations

In order to promote arbitration also on a national level, VIAC together with local bar associations started a series of presentations. The first one was held in Linz, attended by VIAC’s president, Anton Baier, Secretary General Manfred Heider and Dietmar Lux, a local arbitration specialist, on 7 October 2016.

Various Speaking Engagements

VIAC’s Board Members as well as Secretary General Manfred Heider, Deputy Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf and VIAC’s legal counsel Sonja Rogge attended various events in 2016 as participants or speakers:

In the context of their book project with the working title **“The brave new world of arbitration – The role of technology and the Internet in International Arbitration”** Prof. Christian Aschauer and Maud Piers organized an expert seminar in Ghent on 11 and 12 January 2016 providing an opportunity for exchange of thoughts and ideas on the themes that will be the subject of the forthcoming book. Sonja Rogge took part on behalf of VIAC.

VIAC’s Secretary General, Manfred Heider, participated in the **Conference on International Dispute Resolution Involving Russian and CIS Parties** in Moscow on 26 February 2016 and gave an insight in the topic of Document Production in VIAC Proceedings.

VIAC’s President, Anton Baier, was invited to speak at the **Kiev Arbitration Days 2016 - Think Big** in the panel on “Regulation frenzy: Is arbitration regulated to death?.”

VIAC’s Deputy Secretary General, Alice Fremuth-Wolf, was invited as panelist for the **4th Freshfields Lecture** (German edition) on 18 March in Frankfurt to report on her experiences with the reform of the

Vienna Rules for the forthcoming revision of the DIS Rules.

At the **DIS Autumn Conference** (27 and 28 September 2016) Alice Fremuth-Wolf was invited to participate in the panel on “(Don’t) push your luck! Managing informal communication”.

On 18 November 2016 the **Karl-Franzens-University of Graz** held a seminar on the topic Corporate Law - Arbitration - Mediation: New Challenges and Prospects. Alice Fremuth-Wolf delivered a lecture on the interaction of “Mediation and Corporate Law”.

VIAC’s Vice-President, Nikolaus Pitkowitz, represented VIAC at the **China Arbitration**



Summit 2016 taking place from 27 – 29 September 2016 in Beijing on the occasion of CIETAC’s 60th anniversary and conveyed VIAC’s congratulations. He was a speaker in Session One (Convergence and Differentiation: Trends of Internationalization and Localization in Arbitration).

Study visits from Universities and other interested parties

Every year VIAC receives various requests to present itself to interested organizations or students. Also in 2016 VIAC welcomed many guests from various countries.

Students of the **College in Krems** (Lower Austria) were introduced to VIAC’s work during a presentation on 9 May 2016, held by Manfred Heider and Sonja Rogge.

A group of **ELSA-students** from the Universities of **Bayreuth** and **Mainz** visited VIAC on 30 May and 9 November 2016 to

learn more about the work of the Secretariat and our rules.

On 27 October 2016 a group of students visited VIAC together with VIAC’s Board member and Supreme Court Judge Erich Schwarzenbacher.

Delegations from **Korea** and **Georgia** were welcomed at VIAC’s premises in December to foster the exchange of best practices with other arbitration and mediation institutions.

NEW PROJECTS

New Mediation Rules

At the end of 2014 VIAC had launched an initiative to review its old conciliation rules that stemmed from 1975. The task was to develop new modern mediation rules. Thus a working group was established consisting of various national and international mediation experts including VIAC staff. In a



first phase other institutions' mediation

rules were compared, searching for best practices and benchmarks. The drafting period lasted for several months with many sessions and discussions. In late autumn 2015 the final version of the rules was finally presented to the Extended Board of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber which enacted the rules in November 2015. They entered into force on 1 January 2016.

Handbook Vienna Mediation Rules

In order to facilitate the use of the new Mediation Rules VIAC published a Practitioner's Handbook in April. It addresses key practical aspects for the successful conduct of ADR



proceedings within the institutionalized framework of VIAC. It is a useful reference work for all those who have occasion to be concerned with such proceedings, whether for purposes of drafting effective agreements to submit disputes to mediation or of participating in actual mediation proceedings.

Questionnaire for Mediators and Online Search

Following the successful model of our list of arbitration practitioners and in order to ensure high quality also for mediators acting under VIAC's auspices, we developed a tailor-made questionnaire that may be obtained from the VIAC-Secretariat. It offers mediators and ADR-specialists the possibility to present themselves to VIAC and to potential parties.

These questionnaires and CVs are published on VIAC's website as a special service for its users, however reserving the right to do so. You may find information as to language skills as well as to publications or preferred mediation style.

ERA-Pledge and Steering Committee

VIAC was among the first organizations to sign the ERA Pledge and its Deputy SG Alice



Fremuth-Wolf is in the steering committee.

Within the Pledge's initiative of calling for the appointment of female arbitrators on an equal opportunity basis, ERA now also offers as a new feature the possibility to assist in searching for potential female arbitrators that fulfil certain requested requirements. Interested parties will be provided with contact details of potential female arbitrators. VIAC is very dedicated to this sensitive topic and you will learn from our statistics that the female percentage of our arbitrator appointments are above 50%.

Vienna/VIAC shortlisted for ICCA

Vienna was among the 7 cities that pre-qualified to bid to host the 2020 ICCA Congress. On Friday 6 May the time had come: an experienced delegation chaired consisting of VIAC's Vice-President Nikolaus Pitkowitz, Deputy Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf and Board member Franz Schwarz presented VIAC's bid to host the 2020 **ICCA Congress** in Vienna. In addition, an International Advisory Committee chaired by Gary Born channeled the outstanding level of support that VIAC's application was receiving from across the CEE region.

In the end, the ICCA Board awarded the privilege to host the 2020 congress to Edinburgh. We take this opportunity to congratulate our friends in Scotland and look forward to a fantastic event in four years' time. We also thank all of our friends and colleagues for their strong support for VIAC's bid and our objective to promote arbitration in the CEE and CIS regions.

Several research assistants and trainees

During the year 2016 several young arbitration practitioners got the chance to dip into the work of an arbitral institution. Anna Grishchenkova, Alin-Florin Calin, Maja Petrovic, Piotr Paprota, Shahar Sverdlov and Alice Stocker supported VIAC's team simultaneously gaining precious insights in the world of arbitration.

Strong media presence with LinkedIn account and newsletters

2016 also was the year when VIAC launched its new [LinkedIn profile](#). We there keep you updated with special events, initiatives and other information.

VIAC's newsletter forms an ideal addition to its social network profile and is published regularly for its subscribers. Visit our [newsletter-archive](#) if you have missed out one.

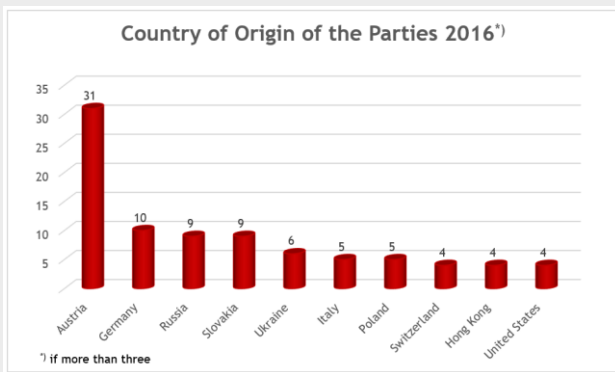
2016 STATISTICS

Number of Cases received in 2016 and aggregated Amount in Dispute

VIAC has received 60 new cases in 2016 which means an increase of 50% vis-à-vis 2015 when only 40 cases were filed. As of 31 December 2016 60 cases were pending with an aggregated amount in dispute of EUR 1.4 billion.

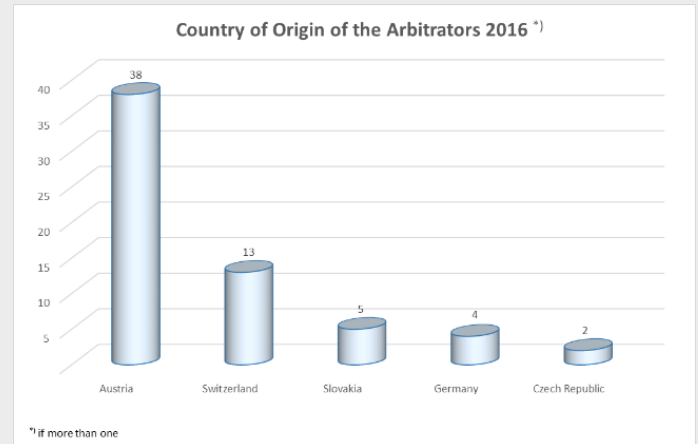
Nationality of Parties

Our statistics confirm VIAC's standing as a truly international institution with a particular stronghold in Central and Eastern Europe. The data shows that 100% of our cases (received in 2016) are international in nature (i.e. at least one party of the dispute being non-Austrian). Only 25% of all parties were in fact Austrian. The largest party contingent with over 40% came from Central and Eastern Europe.



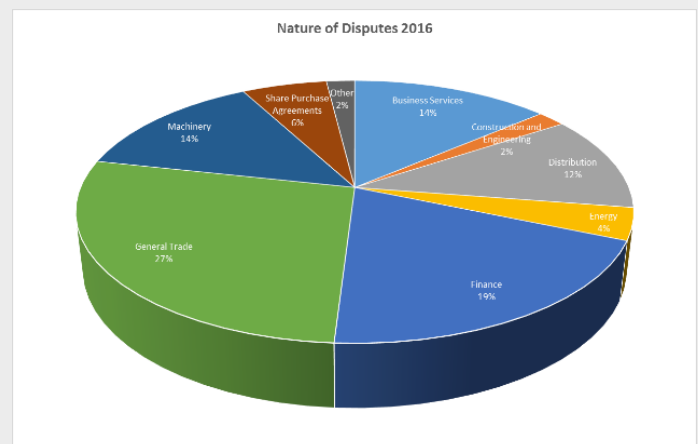
Nationality of Arbitrators

More than half of the arbitrators acting in VIAC proceedings came from Austria, 15% from the CEE region.



Nature of Disputes

The nature of disputes reveals that the majority of disputes arise out of General Trade (27%), followed by Finance (19%), Business Services and Machinery (14%), Distribution (12%), Share Purchase Agreements (6%), Energy (4%) and Construction and Engineering (2%)

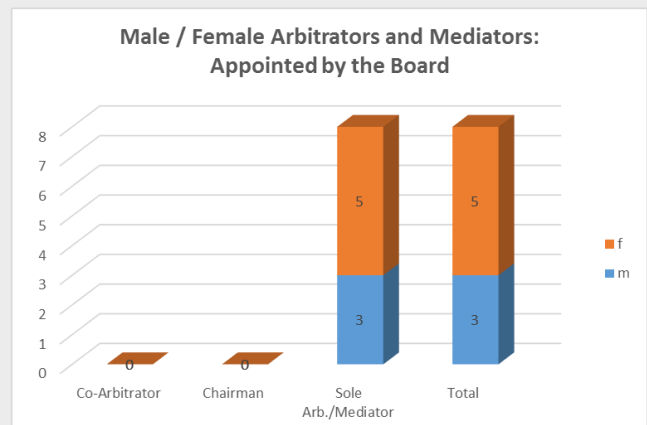
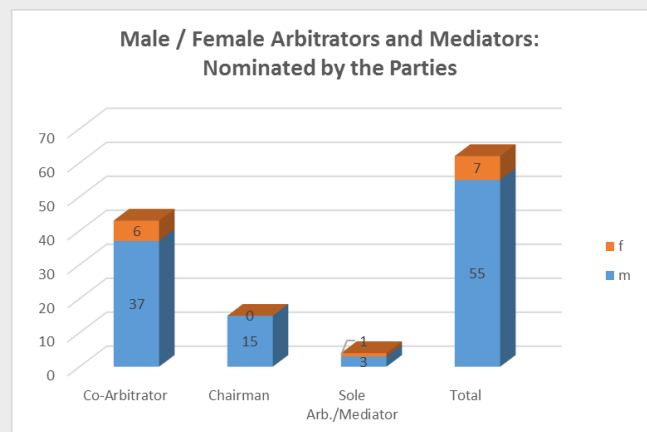
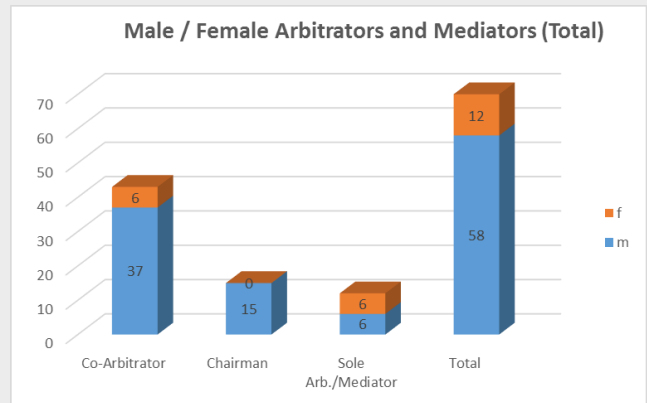


Gender Ratio

Promoting women in arbitration is an important goal for VIAC. The proportion of women acting as arbitrators in VIAC arbitration proceedings has increased steadily over the last several years. In tribunals established in cases received in 2016 the women-ratio reached nearly 17%, which lies well above the average of certain other renowned arbitral institutions based on available information.

A closer look reveals that whereas women acting as sole arbitrators reach a satisfying amount of 50%, no female chairperson at all was chosen in 2016.

Moreover, parties seem to be more reluctant to nominate women than VIAC's Board. Five out of eight sole arbitrators appointed by the Board were women, whereas when nominated by the parties only one out of four was female.



Costs and Duration

The mean duration of all cases that ended

Type of Arbitral Tribunal	Total Costs (EUR)	
	Mean	Median
Sole Arbitrator	14,124.50	7,251.50
Tribunal	168,362.33	125,590.00
All	78,390.26	18,082.50

in 2016 with a final award was 19 months (from the filing of the claim until its termination by a final award).

The average duration of all cases (mean and median) is distorted by five pending cases. The oldest one, pending since 2011, had been suspended until the final decision of a patent dispute before the Austrian Patent Office and the Commercial Court Vienna. The second one, pending since 2012, had been suspended because of Respondent's insolvency. Three other proceedings (initiated in 2012 and 2013) are extremely complex, had an unusual number of interim awards (3 and 5) or had been suspended for (unsuccessful) settlement negotiations. Without these extraordinary deviations the average duration would be between 13 and 14 months.

The mean total costs (including Tribunal's and Administrative Fees as well as expenses for experts or hearings, etc) of all these cases were a bit less than EUR 100,000. In cases which were decided by a sole arbitrator the mean costs were EUR 26,000 whereas in case of a tribunal the mean costs amounted to nearly

Type of Arbitral Tribunal	Total Costs (EUR)	
	Mean	Median
Sole Arbitrator	26,207.14	13,814.81
Tribunal	196,027.94	152,161.84
All	96,965.81	31,043.46

EUR 200,000. Due to the fact that cases with a high amount in dispute usually are decided by a tribunal and that all fees of arbitrators as well as VIAC's administrative fees are depending on this amount, this is not really surprising.

Mean Fees for sole arbitrators were EUR 14,000, whereas those of tribunals amounted to EUR 170,000.

Type of Arbitral Tribunal	Duration (month)	
	Mean	Median
Sole Arbitrator	19.4	14.9
Tribunal	18.7	19.6
All	19.1	18.6

VIAC's mean administration fees reached EUR 6,000 in cases handled by sole arbitrators and EUR 21,500 in cases with tribunals.

Type of Arbitral Tribunal	Total Costs (EUR)	
	Mean	Median
Sole Arbitrator	6,172.36	3,866.50
Tribunal	21,555.00	20,703.50
All	7,263.42	4,573.50

OUTLOOK FOR 2017

During the forthcoming year 2017 VIAC will continue to set milestones and initiatives to promote arbitration in Austria.

From new initiatives like the Austrian Winter Arbitration Academy or a GAR Live conference in Vienna to well-established events like the Vienna Arbitration Days, 2017 brings numerous highlights.

Do not miss these unique opportunities to upskill and connect with other arbitration practitioners!

Austrian Winter Arbitration Academy

From 21–25 February 2017 the 1st Austrian Winter Arbitration Academy will take place as an intensive, four-day program (including VAD 2017) on international commercial arbitration, jointly organized by VIAC, YAAP, ArbAut and Sommerhochschule of Vienna University. The program has been specifically devised for participants with first experience in the area of international arbitration, be it young practitioners working in the field of dispute resolution or PhD and diploma students specializing in arbitration.

Vienna Arbitration Days 2017 – 10th anniversary

VIAC as one of the co-organizers of the Vienna Arbitration Days - the leading arbitration conference in Austria – is happy to invite you to the 10th anniversary conference taking place from 24 – 25 February 2017. We will welcome participants from numerous jurisdictions for two days of discussion on leading topics in international arbitration. This year's topic will be "Repositioning Arbitration"

and we are happy to announce that the keynote speech will be delivered by Donald Francis Donovan (ICCA President).

GAR Live Vienna 2017

VIAC with ArbAUT and YAAP succeeded in bringing a GAR-Live Event to Vienna. We are looking forward to w on 20 October 2017. So mark your calender!

3rd edition of CDRC

The successful [IBA-VIAC Consensual Dispute Resolution Competition](#) will be continued also in 2017, taking place in Vienna from 10-14 July 2017.

VIAC SECRETARIAT



Manfred Heider
Secretary General

Manfred Heider was appointed Secretary General of VIAC in 2001. He graduated from the University of Vienna Law School (Dr. iur. 1975) and studied Economics at the Vienna University of Economics. He was admitted to the Austrian Bar in 1980. He joined the Vienna Stock and Commodity Exchange and participated in numerous proceedings at the exchange's Arbitration Court. After having served as a member of the exchange's board he entered into private practice in 1998 as a partner in a Vienna law firm with a focus on M&A. He was lecturer on law at the Universities of Vienna and Krems. He has published articles on securities regulation, capital markets and international arbitration. He speaks German, English, Italian and French.



Alice Fremuth-Wolf, LL.M. (LSE)
Deputy Secretary General

Alice Fremuth-Wolf is Deputy Secretary General of VIAC since January 2012. Having studied law at Vienna University (Mag. iur. 1995, Dr. iur. 2002), Utrecht University (1994) and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LL.M. 1998), she served as assistant professor at the Department of Civil Procedure Law at the Law Faculty of Vienna University. Before opening her own practice in 2004, she worked with major

Austrian law firms and acted as party representative and arbitrator in international commercial arbitration cases. Alice Fremuth-Wolf has authored articles and books on arbitration and currently also serves as a lecturer at the Law Faculty of Vienna University, where she was coach of the Vienna team for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot from 2004-2009. She speaks German, English, French and Spanish.



Sonja Rogge
Legal Counsel

Sonja Rogge is part of the VIAC-team since the end of 2013 and assists the Secretariat as legal counsel. She studied law at Vienna University from 2009 to 2012 (Mag. iur.). After she finished her legal practice at Austrian courts, she returned to the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, where she had already worked since 2002 in various positions. She was part of the working group which developed the Vienna Mediation Rules and is case manager of VIAC's mediation cases. She prepares VIAC's Board-Meetings, is responsible for Social Media and all technical issues, in particular the project for an electronic case management. She also creates in depth analysis of VIAC's statistical data. Sonja Rogge speaks German, English and French.



Christa Eybl
Case Manager

Christa Eybl supports the Secretariat since spring 2013. Previously she worked for the metallurgical industry in Linz and Italy. She is also VIAC's event coordinator organizing conferences and seminars. She speaks German, English, Italian and French.



Helga Magrutsch
Case Manager

Helga Magrutsch is a long term employee of the AFEC, working here since 1981. In the beginning she was part of ICC Austria and joined the VIAC in 1992 where she has been a case manager since. She speaks German, English, French and Italian.



Maria Knoche
Case Manager

Maria Knoche has been working for VIAC since 1988. She is not only responsible for case administration, but also for the VIAC website and its newsletter. She speaks German and English.



Susanne Schindler
Case Manager and Office Assistant

Susanne Schindler supports the VIAC-team since the beginning of 2013. She is in charge of all administrative matters, business trips and accountancy. She speaks German and English.

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VIAC ADVISORY BOARD

VIAC's Advisory Board welcomes 2 new Members

The annual Advisory Board meeting of VIAC was held on 22 March 2016 in Vienna in the course of the VIS Moot. This year's topic was to resolve the joint issuance of a letter of support for VIAC's bid for the ICCA 2020 congress to take place in Vienna.

VIAC welcomes two new member specialized on mediation to its Advisory Board. We are proud that **Prof. Nadja Alexander** will boost our International Advisory Board as a mediation specialist. Ms Alexander is an award winning author and educator, a conflict intervention professional, and an independent adviser on mediation policy to international bodies and national governments, teaching mediation all around the globe. She already serves as Chair of the Advisory Board of the IBA-VIAC-Consensual Dispute Resolution Competition that was successfully established in 2014 in Vienna.



In addition, **Dr. Christine Mattl** will represent Austria's international mediation scene and act as a link between the strong national mediation community and VIAC. We warmly welcome the two ladies in VIAC's Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board of VIAC is comprised of the following 23 honorable members:

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