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As Secretary General, he is responsible for the operational management and coordination of the ICC Court's Secretariat and other dispute resolution services in Paris, Hong Kong, New York, Sao Paulo and Singapore. He joined the Secretariat in late 2011 and held consecutive positions in three case management teams, of which two as counsel. Prior to his appointment as Secretary General, he was the Secretariat's Managing Counsel over a three-year term. He read law at the University of Athens, Greece having specialized in international commercial transactions and conflict of laws. Prior to joining the ICC Court, he practised as counsel out of Athens where he established a sole practice in 2008. He was previously an associate at an Athens-based law firm. During the same period, he was also the editor-in-chief of the *Revue hellénique de droit international*. He is admitted to the Athens Bar and speaks English, French and Greek.

DAY 1

09:00

Registration & Morning coffee

10:00

10:00

Opening & Welcome

10:10

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Conference Chair, GESSEL, Poland

Cezary Wiśniewski, ICC Poland, Linklaters, Poland

10:10

ICC Court Welcome Address

10:20

Alexander G. Fessas, ICC International Court of Arbitration, France

10:20

Session I: Hot topics in M&A arbitration

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- Impact of impecunious party on arbitration agreement
- Post M&A ESG disputes - sources; is the arbitration a fitting forum?
- Interim relief around M&A: emergency arbitrators limiting state courts?
- W&I Insurance: procedural challenges in arbitration dealing with 'insurance towers'
- Share Transfer Agreement + Shareholders' Agreement + Accession Agreement - How does Cour d'appel de Paris interpret the parties' agreement to arbitrate in the case of multiple arbitration clauses.

Moderator:

Alicja Zielińska-Eisen, YAAF, Queritius, Poland/Germany

Panellists:

Christian Borris, Borris Hennecke Kneisel, Germany

Joanna Kisielińska-Garncarek, GESSEL, Poland

Joanna Kolber, Strelia, Belgium

Dr. Ioana Knoll-Tudor, Addleshaw Goddard, France

Annet van Hooft, van Hooft , France

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Coffe break

12:10

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Howden M&A Case study

12:30

Drew Naylor, Howden, United Kingdom

Edward Copeman, Howden, United Kingdom

12:30

Session II: Dialogue between counsel on legal nature of M&A award

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- Price adjustment made by the tribunal
- Is the award declaratory or constitutive and what are its practical effects?
- Interests computation

Moderator:

Mary Mitsi, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom/Greece

13:40

Dentons M&A Case study

14:00

Michał Jochemczak, Dentons, Poland

14:00

Lunch

15:00

15:00

Keynote speech: The paradigm of arbitration - yesterday, today and tomorrow - Yves Derains in conversation with Beata Gessel

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Yves Derains, Derains & Gharavi, France

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Session III: Voice of reason or hired gun? The independence and impartiality of party-appointed experts in M&A disputes

- The difference between party-appointed and tribunal-appointed experts
- The role of geography
- The role of soft laws
- Expectations of the parties and the tribunal

Moderator:

Mark Kantor, , USA

Panellists:

Folashade Alli SAN, Folashade Alli and Associates, Nigeria

Luminita Popa, Suciu Popa, Romania

Alexander Demuth, , Germany

Renato Nazzini, King's Collage London, United Kingdom/Italy

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Treats & Meads

19:30

Gala Dinner

Venue - Look Up! Skyliner building, 67 Prosta Street (upon separate registration)

DAY 2

09:00

Morning coffee

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10:00

Opening & Welcome

10:05

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Conference Chair, GESSEL, Poland

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Special Guest

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Special Guest's address: The Permanent Court of Arbitration: 125 years of

Peace through Justice

Marcin Czepelak, Permanent Court of Arbitration, Netherlands

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Presentation: M&A Arbitration in Wartime under the SCC Rules

Jake Lowther, SCC Arbitration Institute, Sweden

10:55

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Clifford Chance Case Study

Adelina Prokop, Clifford Chance, Poland

Moritz Keller, Clifford Chance, Germany

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12:45

Session: M&A Arbitration in Wartime - Breaking up is never easy

- M&A disputes risks when exiting high-risk jurisdictions
- Case studies from jurisdictions in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa

Moderator:

Bartosz Krużewski, Clifford Chance, Poland

Panellists:

Timur Bondaryev, Arzinger, Ukraine

Joshua Kelly, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, United Kingdom

Steven Finizio, Wilmer Hale, United Kingdom/USA

Jacob Enoch, M. Firon&Co. Advocates, Israel

Judith Mulholland, Baker McKenzie, UK

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Closing of the conference

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Conference Chair, GESSEL, Poland

...and yes, bubbles and strawberries!!
