

**The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators  
Cyprus Branch**

**One day Introduction Course  
In International Commercial Arbitration**

**Tuesday, 25 February 2014**

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) is one of the world's leading centres of excellence for the development of arbitration, mediation and other forms of dispute resolution at all levels.

The Institute was founded in 1915 and now has over 13,000 members in more than 100 countries. The CI Arb is a not-for-profit charity which works in the public interest through its international network of more than 30 Branches and Chapters. The Cyprus Branch represents the interests of its members and beyond. The Cyprus Branch is therefore unique in that it offers a cross-border pan-European footprint in the dispute resolution business.

The Cyprus Branch is offering its ground-breaking one day Introduction Course in International Commercial Arbitration, which offers those professionals with little or no experience in international arbitration the first step in the Institute's "Pathways to Fellowship" programme. Those course participants that are successful in completing the Course Assignment will be able to apply to the CI Arb for Associate Membership.

This Introduction Course is supported by subsequent advanced courses, leading to Full Membership and Fellowship of the CI Arb.

The Cyprus Branch's courses in International Arbitration are based on practices in civil law jurisdictions in comparison with common law jurisdictions.



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Introductory Course

in  
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***ETEK Cultural and  
Training Centre - Nicosia***

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**Organised by:**  
The Cyprus Branch  
The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

**In association with:**  
SICA-FICA Foundation

**Course Programme**



**Cyprus Branch CI Arb**

The Cyprus Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators has some 80 members and it is expected that this number will grow in the near future.

The Cyprus Branch is an approved provider of the Institute's Courses. The diversity of cultures and practices across the continent and other countries around Cyprus, enables the Branch to bring together a unique mixture of dispute resolution methods, practices and experiences.

This Introduction Course is no exception in offering a varied and exciting programme to those with little or no experience in international arbitration..

The course language will be English.

**Course tutor and director**

The course tutor and director is

**Mr. William McLaughlin FCI Arb C. Arb**

We are delighted to confirm that the course materials will be provided by the SICA-FICA Foundation, one of Europe's most prestigious international arbitration training providers.



08.45	<b>Registration</b>
09.00	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>
09.10	<b>Introduction: Philosophy and methods for resolving commercial disputes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- context; public policy; conflict management &amp; dispute resolution</li><li>- negative strategies – positive strategies</li><li>- the importance of the arbitral process: a final solution</li><li>- commercial context; international context</li><li>- arbitration – v – litigation</li></ul>
09.35	<b>Cyprus as a forum for dispute resolution</b>
09.50	PROBLEMS, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - <i>open forum discussion</i>
10.10	Break
10.30	<b>Resolution by other means; arbitration in context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Settlement based: settlement -v- imposed solutions; negotiation; mediation</li><li>- Provisional decisions by a third party: adjudication; conciliation</li><li>- Shortcuts, combinations &amp; specialities:</li><li>- facilitation; assisted negotiation; fast-track arbitration; med-arb, arb-med</li><li>- mini-trial; rent-a-judge; court referrals; ombudsman</li><li>- Dispute boards: DRBs, DABs, CDBs</li></ul>
11.00	<b>WORKSHOP 1 – DISCUSSION : CHOOSING THE APPROPRIATE METHOD</b> - <i>in groups with tutor</i>
11.45	<b>The Arbitration Agreement – “Where it all starts”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- consensus; jurisdiction</li><li>- functions; essentials</li><li>- content: choice of laws, location, procedure &amp; tribunal</li><li>- clauses; submissions; ‘trigger’; notice of arbitration</li></ul>
12.30	Lunch
13.15	<b>WORKSHOP 2 – EXERCISE: DRAFTING IN ARBITRATION AGREEMENT</b> - <i>in groups with tutor</i>
14.00	<b>Arbitration Procedure – “The bits in the middle”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- nomination; appointment</li><li>- communications; procedural meetings</li><li>- orders; interlocutory hearings and applications</li><li>- oral hearings; challenges</li><li>- Arbitration procedure in Cyprus</li></ul>
14.50	Break
15.10	<b>WORKSHOP 3 – EXAMPLES OF PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS</b> - <i>in groups with tutor</i>
15.50	<b>The Arbitration Award – “Where it all ends”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- objects; types</li><li>- formal and legal requirements; contents; reasons</li><li>- enforceability; conventions, public policy etc.</li></ul>
16.35	PROBLEMS, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - <i>open forum discussion</i>
16.55	<b>Issue of Assignment paper</b>
17.00	<b>END OF COURSE</b>

**Who should attend?**

This Introduction Course is ideal for those with little or no international arbitration experience and who wish

- to learn more about international commercial arbitration and its benefits in resolving disputes,
- to enhance their existing professional skills, and
- to join the prestigious Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and obtain professional qualifications that are recognised internationally.

**Course Assessment**

In order to become an Associate Member of the Institute, students on the Introduction Course will be required to sit and pass a written paper on a given subject to be submitted within 28 days of the course date.

This is intended to demonstrate an understanding of the principles of good practice and procedure in international arbitration and an ability to organise and present information in a clear and logical manner. The Course Assessment Fee is included in the Course Fee.

**Venue**

The venue for this course is the **ETEK Cultural and Training Centre - Nicosia, Cyprus.**

**Fees and Forms**

The Course Fee is **EUR 400,00** per person, Registration Forms are available from  
[www.ciarb.org/cyprus/](http://www.ciarb.org/cyprus/)