

# Report on the newly appointed Board of Trustees

In further pursuit of its goals, the *Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)* held its first meeting of its newly-appointed Board of Trustees on Monday, 22nd November 2004. Pursuant to Decree No. 18 of 2004, twenty-one highly esteemed individuals from the arbitration world were carefully selected and invited to convene in Dubai for this meeting. The DIAC Board is made up of a range of nationalities from the Far East, Europe, America and the Middle East.

First created in 1994 as the “Centre for Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration”, the current DIAC is an autonomous, permanent, non-profit institute. This new independence resulted from Decree (No.10 of 2004), recently signed by H.H. the Ruler of Dubai, establishing DIAC as an independent Centre with its own corporate identity.



Clockwise (L-R) Mr. Michael Schneider, Dr. Habib Al Mulla, H.E. Salah Al Hejailan, Mr. Abdul Rahman G. Al Mutaiwee (DCCI Director General), Mr. Nizar M Sardast (Advisor to DCCI), Dr. Donald Bunker and Mr. Abdulla Mohammed Saleh.

## The members of the DIAC Board of Trustees

**Mr. Abdulla Mohamed Saleh** - - One of the founders of National Bank of Dubai in 1963 and it's Managing Director from 1982 until his retirement in January 2004, presently he is the Chairman of the Bank; Former Adviser to the late Ruler of Dubai H. H. Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed Al Maktoum on financial matters; Served as an Arbitrator on the High Board of Euro-Arab Arbitration Centre based in Paris from 1988 to 2000; Board member of DCCI.

**Prof. Dr. Albert Van Den Berg**- Attorney at law and partner, Hanotiau & van den Berg, Brussels; Professor at Law (arbitration chair), Erasmus University, Rotterdam; President, Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI), Rotterdam; Former Vice-President, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA); General Editor, Yearbook: Commercial Arbitration; Member of the Company,