



## Editorial

It is my distinguished honor and great pleasure to introduce this special edition of the DIAC Journal "Arbitration in the Middle East". This issue contains a collection of impressive articles authored by renowned specialists of international commercial arbitration. Its focus is primarily on the practice of international arbitration in Arab countries, reflecting the writers' opinions and experiences.

According to the order of presentation, the first article, written by Dr. Nael Bunni "Selecting the Type of Arbitration, the Rules and the Seat" demonstrates the main features that distinguish ad hoc arbitration. This article displays the writer's remarkable history and practice in arbitration, as well as, his familiarity with the differences in arbitral rules. Dr. Bunni boasts an extraordinary acquaintance with the works of other international authors of commercial arbitration and this knowledge is reflected in his excellent article.

The next article, "Discovery and the Arbitration Process - Practical Guidance" by Nigel Truscott addresses the issue of discovery. This notable installment discusses the increasing controversy over the relevance of the application of discovery, due to its wide application under the common law system but narrow application under the civil law system. The author brings to light many noticeable differences in the implementation of discovery and the resulting effects and consequences of such implementation, as well as, the application of such discovery on laws in GCC countries.

"Legal & Practical Consideration when selecting Arbitrators" by Gordon Bell and Michelle Nelson is based on elements of the English legal system and its implementation in Arab countries. This article concentrates on the salient issue in international commercial arbitration regarding the appointment of arbitrators, including how to determine the number of arbitrators and all other related elements considered when making this determination. The same level of importance is issued to the method of selecting arbitrators as is to the conditions imposed by national law on arbitration centers for selecting and appointing arbitrators. This article also focuses on legal trends and judicial appointment of said topic in the Middle East with relation to specific conditions and characteristic of the selected arbitrators.

On the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards Dr. Rasan Azhari writes "The Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards of The United Arab Emirates In Germany" in which he presents a question on the status of enforcement of international arbitral awards if arbitral awards were to be requested between the United Arab Emirates and Germany. This article regards this unique opportunity of allowing a view of the application of German law and court practice with relation to enforcement of said awards. On a related topic is Roy Nolan's article "Contracts for Civil Engineering Works in UAE". The author highlights the importance of understanding construction agreements under the FIDIC forms of 1987. He concluded with a new vision of the future of resolving disputes in construction agreements.

In the article "Comparison Between the Basic Rules for Arbitration In Iraqi Law and