



28<sup>th</sup> **UIA**

World Forum  
of Mediation Centres

VIRTUAL FORUM - SEPTEMBER 3-4, 2020

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The **UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres** was created in 2001. It brings together the best commercial mediation practitioners and ADR centres from around the world, together with managers, academics, teachers, trainers, young practitioners, and all those interested in learning more about mediation.

The Forum takes place every 9 months in different countries around the world. It fosters the exchange of views on the development of ADR, enhancing knowledge, and best practices, giving new ideas, ensuring the best understanding of ADR, and learning from other cultures.

The worldwide health crisis caused by COVID-19 has driven us all to an unprecedented scenario and has led to no other alternative than to postpone the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres originally planned in Sydney. We are currently working on an alternative date for a future Forum of which we will punctually inform you.

For the first time **the Forum will take place virtually**. This **28<sup>th</sup> Forum** promises to be **again very exceptional** because it will be the opportunity to gather experiences, ideas, observations about development of mediation and make comparison to enhance our knowledge and our practice. The virtual Forum with its **4 sessions** will be exciting as usual and with the same quality substantive panels.

**Do not miss this opportunity to learn and enhance your knowledge and practice about mediation.**

**The 28<sup>th</sup> Forum will be an unforgettable international event. Practitioners from all around the world have already confirmed their participation.**

Mark your diaries now, save the date and make sure to register!

**We are looking forward to welcoming you to the virtual UIA 28<sup>th</sup> World Forum of Mediation Centres!**

**Fabienne VAN DER VLEUGEL,**

*President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres,  
VDV Avocats, Serris, France*

## HOW TO REGISTER

Register online at [www.uianet.org](http://www.uianet.org)

- **FULL REGISTRATION** – Including the 4 sessions € 200
- **STUDENT REGISTRATION (\*)** – Including the 4 sessions € 120
- **ONE, TWO OR THREE-SESSION REGISTRATION** € 60 per session

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email explaining how to join the webinar as well as Practice Guidelines for distance learning for use by participants.

Please note that the number of places is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications. Admission will be on a first come – first served basis and will only be confirmed upon receipt in full of the registration fees.

(\*) Reserved for students under 30 years old. Please send a copy of your student card to benefit from the special rate.

### LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English**.

### CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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### CONTACT & INFORMATION

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## SESSION N°1 - The Impact on International Disputes of the Singapore Convention

Thursday, September 3, from 10:30 AM CEST to 11:30 AM CEST / 6:30 PM AEST to 7:30 PM AEST

The Singapore Convention offers benefits to disputants, mediators, courts and governments akin to those achieved by the New York Convention. Discussion.

**Moderator & speaker:** Professor Khory McCORMICK, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia

### Speakers:

- Dr. Christopher WARD SC, Senior Counsel NSW Bar and Adjunct Professor, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
- George LIM SC, Chairman of the Singapore International Mediation Centre, Singapore

## SESSION N°2- MODRON

Thursday, September 3, from 12:00 PM CEST to 1:00 PM CEST / 8:00 PM AEST to 9:00 PM AEST

The worldwide pandemic situation has provoked multiple changes in the management of enterprises, the day-to-day life, the human behaviour and the alternative dispute resolutions methods. In June 2013, during the UIA Mediation Forum organised in Czech Republic, the importance of online dispute resolution was underlined. During the Singapore Forum of October 2017, participants had the opportunity to be introduced to the newest dispute resolution technology MODRON. MODRON is the first ever online dispute resolution product which uses cloud technology and integrated tools to enable mediators to resolve disputes and manage their cases online. Now, for some disputes, it seems time to adapt your practice and feel comfortable with modern instruments. This session is an unique opportunity to challenge your dynamic.

**Moderator & speaker:** Nathan POLITO, CEO, MODRON, Sydney, Australia

### Speakers:

- Alan L. LIMBURY, Managing Director, Strategic Resolution, Co-Founder of LEADR (now Resolution Institute), Woolloomooloo, Australia
- Fabienne VAN DER VLEUGEL, President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, VDV Avocats, Serris, France
- Ross W. STODDARD, III, Attorney-Mediator, Dallas, TX, USA
- Professor Dr. Renate DENDORFER-DITGES, Partner / Lawyer / Arbitrator / Mediator, DITGES, Partnerschaft mbB, Bonn, Germany

## SESSION N°3 - Mediation and Space Law

Friday, September 4, from 10:30 AM CEST to 11:30 AM CEST / 6:30 PM AEST to 7:30 PM AEST

Dispute resolution in space law: consider the possibilities.

The formal utilisation of mediation in space law disputes is not mainstream. There are various interesting and unique dispute avoidance / dispute resolution methodologies that are a part of commercial and multilateral space activities, of which mediation is just one element.

This session would allow participants at the Forum to gain a feel for the sometimes unique nature of space transactions and to consider how perhaps mediation may in the future become a more significant element.

**Moderator & speaker:** Steven FREELAND, Professor of International Law at Western Sydney University and Principal at Azimuth Advisory, Sydney, Australia

### Speakers:

- Donna LAWLER, Commercial space lawyer, Principal at Azimuth Advisory, Sydney, Australia
- Lucy STEWARDSON, Lawyer, Associate at Liedekerke Wolters Waelbroeck Kirkpatrick, Brussels, Belgium

## SESSION N°4 - Mediation as a Profession – Setting the standards

Friday, September 4, from 12:00 PM CEST to 1:00 PM CEST / 8:00 PM AEST to 9:00 PM AEST

Everyone is talking about standards. Standards are an important part of having mediation recognised as a profession and taking its rightful place as a key component in the dispute resolution landscape. The notion of 'standards' is often contentious because it can be difficult to strike the balance between being too general or being too restrictive. This session will provide a range of perspectives on the role of standards. It will also provide strategies for developing evidence-based standards using techniques drawn from other disciplines such as Education.

**Moderator:** Dr. Rosemary HOWELL, Strategic Action Pty Ltd, Professorial Visiting Fellow, University of New South Wales, Woolloomooloo, Australia

### Speakers:

- Danielle HUTCHINSON, Lawyer and Mediator, Director, Resolution Resources, Melbourne, Australia
- Emma-May LITCHFIELD, Workplace Facilitator at Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria; Director, Resolution Resources, Melbourne, Australia
- Bianca KEYS, Chairperson, Australian Mediator Standards Board (National Mediator Accreditation System), Sydney, Australia

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