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Matthew Smith

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Exzell in Dispute Resolution: Standards and Needs

- limits to and opportunities of customised dispute resolution schemes.

A joint conference and workshop with the Forum for International Conciliation & Arbitration (FICA) to be and to ski at:

14-17 January 2015

Boutiquehotel Steinerwirt,
Zell am See, Austria

For more information and to register visit the [conference website](#)

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Upcoming Events

- 14-17 January 2015, Zell am See, Salzburg, Austria: [ExZell in Dispute Resolution: "Standards and Needs"](#), Customised Dispute Resolution Schemes - A joint conference/workshop of the DBF and The Forum for International Conciliation and Arbitration (FICA)

Profile: The Progress of Dispute Boards In Mexico and Latin America



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This month's featured guest writer is Roberto Hernández García, Managing Partner of Corporación Mexicana de Asesores en Derecho, S.C. (COMAD, S.C.), and the DBF's representative for Mexico.

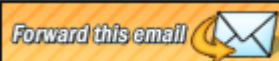
Mr. Hernandez specializes in public procurement, public and private construction, (public works contracts), and procedures of dispute resolution related to such topics, as well as Administrative Law in general.

Since Mr. Hernandez is very active in the ADR community in Mexico and Latin America, his article *[Dispute Boards in Latin America: Experiences and Challenges in a Promising Market](#)* is his perspective on the establishment and steady growth of ADR and dispute boards in Latin America.

His progress report on what is happening in the region and what needs to happen in the future, is an interesting read on a budding concept in this area of the world that is starting to take hold.. In addition to the article, Mr. Hernandez also generously provides a free link for the first

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e-book on Dispute Boards in Latin America called "Dispute Boards in Latin America: Experiencias y Retos". You can access the article and his free e-book [by clicking here](#).

Project of the Month: Latin America's Skyscraper Race

In light of this month's focus on Latin America, the Project of the Month is Latin America's tallest building the *Torre Costanera* aka *Gran Torre Costanera* located in the Costanera Center in Santiago, Chile.



Torre Costanera in Santiago, Chile
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According to the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitats (CTBUH), at a height of 300 m/984 ft., it will eventually be eclipsed by the awarding of a contract to build the 335-meter "Polo Audiovisual," in Buenos Aires, Argentina which will become the tallest building by exceeding Torre Costanera by 35 meters.

The contract was awarded on September 10, 2014 to Riva S.a. Construcciones and will begin construction this November.

Top Speakers on the Roster for Joint Conference/Workshop with FICA in Austria.



The Forum for International Conciliation and Arbitration (FICA) has announced the roster of top speakers that will be presiding over the winter conference and workshop in Zell am See entitled: [ExZell in Dispute Resolution: "Standards and Needs"](#) -Limits to and Opportunities of Customised Dispute Resolution Schemes.

Some of these well-respected speakers include Sir David Steel, Judge of the Commercial and Admiralty Courts (London) 1998-2011 as well as previous Chairman of the European Commercial Judges Forum and Chairman of European Commercial Judges Forum.

Malcolm Holmes QC is a Chartered Arbitrator and senior counsel at Eleven Wentworth Chambers in Sydney and an arbitrator member of 20 Essex Street in London and Singapore. He is an experienced international arbitrator and co-author of "The International Arbitration Act; A Commentary" published by LexisNexis in 2011.

Dr. Christoph Liebscher has over 30 years of experience in more than 300 disputes, about half of them international arbitrations. He has acted under a substantial number of different arbitral rules as counsel and arbitrator. In addition, he has appeared before Austrian and other courts in Europe as well as before international bodies.

Additional speakers will be Sir Peter Cresswell, QC, the DBF's own Ben Beaumont, and Laurent Niddam.

The conference will be held 14-17 January 2015 in Zell am See, Austria. For more information about attending this workshop please visit the [conference's website](#).

Welcome New Members!



John Shenton

Legal and Contract Consultant
Khatib & Alami (CEC)
United Arab Emirates

Expertise: A highly skillful, energetic, and solution-oriented construction contracts specialist with a sophisticated understanding of FIDIC and a Masters in Law.

Mr. Shenton is also seasoned in EPC contracts for the energy sector, design and build of hard infrastructure, fast-track fit-out, design consultancy, construction supervision consultancy, contract negotiation, assessing legal risk, contract engineering and drafting; amending and negotiating commercial agreements.



Marcela Radovic

Partner and Director
Brucke Consultores
Santiago, Chile

Expertise: Construction Law, Administrative Law, Economic Regulation and Constitutional Law.

Ms. Radovic is a professional with a broad legal background, specializing in construction law, particularly in contract and claim management and avoidance and dispute resolution.

She also has a track record of directing and/or counselling in legal and management affairs and has acted as in-house lawyer for public agencies, being responsible for providing legal support for all institution operations.

Anthony Younes

Projects Director
Al Jawad Trading & Contracting w.l.l
Hawally, Kuwait

Expertise: Anthony is currently handling projects under development in Kuwait, Lebanon, and Romania. He has a Masters in Project Management from the Bucharest University of Economic Studies and a Masters in Construction Law and Arbitration from Robert Gordon University Scotland.

Working in the construction field in different markets he has worked on several dispute resolution cases that have included subcontractors, private clients, and Ministries. He has also represented Al Jawad (which is part of the MIDEIA Group of companies) in several arbitration cases in Kuwait, and was part of several dispute settlements throughout the years.

Have Some News For Our Members?



Would you like to highlight any news or events going on in your organization? We would love to share what's happening with our members. Please contact our new publications manager Lori Fusello at l.fusello@dbfederation.org with your news!

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