



## 13th AFIA SYMPOSIUM Hong Kong 2008

Dear Members and fellow arbitration enthusiasts

We are pleased to invite you to the 13th Symposium of the Australasian Forum for International Arbitration (AFIA), to be held in Hong Kong on **Saturday 8 March 2008**.

The Symposium will coincide with the 5th Annual Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot and will be hosted by **Allen & Overy**, 10th Floor, Three Exchange Square, Central, Hong Kong. If you would like to attend, please register before **15 February 2008** by returning the attached registration form. Attendance is free of charge.

AFIA Symposia are not focused on a particular topic, but instead rely on contributions made by participants. As in the past, the Symposium will be conducted in an informal atmosphere intended to encourage contributions or questions related to international arbitration from all participants, irrespective of their level of practical experience in international arbitration.

The preliminary programme for the Symposium is as follows:

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| 11:00 | Registration   |
| 11:30 | Session 1  |
| 12:45 | Coffee Break   |
| 13:00 | Presentation by Pierre Karrer, Arbitrator and President of the Swiss Arbitration Association; Court member, ICC; Vice President, Stockholm Institute |
| 13:30 | Session 2  |
| 14:30 | Close, followed by drinks  |

We do hope that you will join us at this event. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

**Björn Gehle and Elisabeth Opie**  
**AFIA Co-Chairs**



**13th AFIA SYMPOSIUM  
Registration Form**

I wish to register for the 13th AFIA Symposium, to be held on **Saturday 8 March 2008** at Allen & Overy, Hong Kong.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this registration form by **15 February 2008** to:

James Kwan ([james.kwan@allenoverly.com](mailto:james.kwan@allenoverly.com)) or +85 2 2974 6999

***Participants are encouraged to submit by Thursday 28 February 2008 any questions or topics for discussion to Romesh Weeramantry ([weeramantry@yahoo.com.au](mailto:weeramantry@yahoo.com.au)).***

The questions or topics chosen for discussion will be notified to all participants prior to the Symposium. Participants who have submitted questions or topics may be asked to introduce these at the event. If you wish to submit a question or topic for discussion but do not want your name to appear on the topic list, please let us know and one of the conference chairs will introduce the topic on your behalf.

For examples of discussion points, please refer to past editions of *AFIA News* located on our website: <http://www.afia.net.au>.



## About AFIA

**The Australasian Forum for International Arbitration (AFIA) is a forum for practitioners to discuss issues and developments in international arbitration, with particular focus on the Asia-Pacific region.**

AFIA makes its activities as inclusive as possible for practitioners through informal roundtable discussions, where attendees are able to ask questions and share knowledge based on their international arbitration experience. Discussions are led by a more experienced three-member panel and are based on topics that are suggested by members and circulated to attendees prior to each symposium.

AFIA provides a great opportunity for the forging of relationships for young practitioners spanning the Australasian region and globally, through both individual membership and through relationships which AFIA continues to develop with similar organisations around the world.

Since its inauguration in 2004, AFIA has held regular symposia in Melbourne, Sydney, Singapore, Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur. For more information, visit our new website: [www.afia.net.au](http://www.afia.net.au).

## AFIA Members

More than 170 members have already joined AFIA and membership is constantly growing with members from the following countries:

- Australia
- Bahrain
- China
- England
- France
- Germany
- Hong Kong (SAR)
- India
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- United Arab Emirates
- United States of America

## Becoming an AFIA Member

AFIA members receive newsletters and notices of upcoming international arbitration events and are the first to be informed of AFIA Symposia.

Membership is free. Membership forms are available at all AFIA Symposia or upon request. If you are interested in joining AFIA, please contact the AFIA Secretary, James Konidaris ([jkonidaris@hgr.com.au](mailto:jkonidaris@hgr.com.au)) for more information.