

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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- 4. Current position:**
- Associate Professor of Arbitration Law and ADR at Ghent University Belgium
 - Director Center for the Future of Dispute Resolution
 - Vice-President Cepani (Belgian Center for Arbitration and Mediation)
 - Vice-President ELI Dispute Resolution SIG
 - Independent Arbitrator
- 5. Education:**
- Doctor of Laws, Thesis: “The effectiveness and legitimacy of sector arbitration”, Ghent University, BE, 2006
 - Master of Laws in Comparative and International Law, University of Miami School of Law, USA 2002
 - Master of Laws, UGent, Faculty of Law, BE, 2001
 - Certificate Mediator Training, Specialization Corporate Law Mediation, UGent, BE, 2023
 - Certificate Artificial Intelligence, Oxford University and Said Business School, GB, 2020
 - Certificate in International Commercial Arbitration, University of Cologne, DE, 2004
- 6. Practiced experience in arbitration**
- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?
21 cases under the Cepani Rules, ICC Rules and ad hoc.
 - How often have you acted as Chairman?
1
 - How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?
8
 - How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?
1
 - How often have you acted as Counsel?
4
 - How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?
Consultant: 7
- 7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):**

In what follows I will present a selection of publications, presentations, conferences organized, and classes taught:

SELECTION OF 5 IMPACTFUL AND RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS of the past 10 years

- Piers and Zheng, “The Lin-gang Framework Plan in the Shanghai free-trade zone: a stepping stone for reform of international arbitration in China”, American Review of International arbitration 2022/32, 361-398

- Ongenaë and Piers, "**Procedural Formalities in Arbitration: Towards a Technologically Neutral Legal Framework**", co-author Ongenaë, K., Journal of International Arbitration 2021/38, 27-58
- Piers and Caprasse, "**Recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards: the application of the New York Convention by national courts**", in Dirix and Leleu (Eds.), The Belgian reports at the congress of Vienna of the International Academy of Comparative Law, Brussel, Bruylant, 2018. p. 47-74.
- Piers and Aschauer, (Eds.), **Arbitration in the Digital Age - The Brave New World of Arbitration**, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2017, 314 pp
- Piers and De Meulemeester, "**A new arbitration law for Belgium: UNCITRAL enters the scene**", American Review of International Arbitration 2014/25, 63-83

SELECTION OF 5 IMPACTFUL AND RELEVANT PRESENTATIONS done in the past 10 years

- **Artificial Intelligence in Arbitration**, presentation at 2023 UNCITRAL Academy Panel Discussion on Dispute Resolution in the Digital Economy, Singapore, 29 August 2023, organized by UNCITRAL/ Singapore Ministry of Justice
- Technologie voor de raadsman, rechter en arbiter (**Technology for counsel, judges and arbitrators**), Panel Discussion at the Symposium Navigeren doorheen de toekomst van Geschillenoplossing (Navigating the Future of Dispute Resolution), Ghent 10 October 2022, organized by CFDR (Center for the Future of Dispute Resolution) at Ghent University
- **Independence, impartiality and accountability in arbitration**, presentation at the TRIAL Final conference on Challenges to Judicial Independence and Rule of Law in the European Union, organized by Maastricht University, 10 May 2022, Brussels
- **Will remote proceedings be the pebble that creates the ripple of change in the arbitration waters?**, presentation at the Conference 'Post-pandemic Dispute Resolution for International trade and Commercial Disputes: Challenges and Reforms', Shanghai, 21 November 2021, organized by Shanghai Institute of International Organizations and Global Governance and the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Studies at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- **First survey results! @arbitrationpractitioners in the #digital world. #arbitration #efficient #datasecurity #socialmedia**, presentation at the Conference 'The brave new world of arbitration - the role of technology and the internet in international arbitration', Ghent, 11-12 January 2016, UGent

SELECTION OF 5 IMPACTFUL AND RELEVANT CONFERENCES organized in the past 10 years

2023	Symposium 'Navigeren doorheen de toekomst van Geschillenoplossing' (Navigating the Future of Dispute Resolution), 13 speakers, Ghent, BR
2023	Conference 'The future is now! Blockchain, Metaverse, Web3 and (what it really) means for arbitration', 26 speakers, Ghent, BE
2021	Public webinar 'Everything you always wanted to know but never dared to ask about cybersecurity', speakers: Bjorn De Sutter and Bart Coppens, Online
2021	Conference 'Transnational dispute Resolution in an Increasingly Digitalized World', 21 speakers, Online
2016	Closed seminar 'The brave new world of arbitration - the role of technology and the Internet in international arbitration', 22 speakers, 2016, Ghent, BE

TEACHING AND TRAINING SESSIONS

At Ghent University, School of Law, I teach the following conflict resolution related courses:

- International Commercial Arbitration (advanced skills course)
- Introduction to ADR
- Arbitration Skills (in preparation for the Willem C. Vismoot Arbitration Competition)
- Mediation Skills

I frequently teach guest lectures at Belgian and foreign universities, as well as regularly give seminars on arbitration-related topics for professional organizations.

8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:

- Cepani (Vice President, Member of Board of Directors, various working groups)
- VIAC Legal Think Tank

- CIArb Technology in ADR Thought Leadership Group

9. Languages

Mother tongue: Dutch

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language): English, French

10. In which legal systems have you trained?

- X Civil Law
- Austrian Law
- Czech Law
- German Law
- Hungarian Law
- Polish Law
- Slovakian Law
- Swiss Law
- Ukrainian Law
- X European Law

Other _____

11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?

Belgium

12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar?

I am no longer part of the bar

13. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):

- Antitrust/Unfair competition
- Aviation
- Banking & Finance
- Capital markets
- X CISG
- Civil fraud disputes
- X Commercial disp. / transactions
- Commodity market
- Company/Corporate/M&A
- Construction
- X Contract law
- Other _____
- Damages
- Distribution
- Domain name disputes
- Employment
- Energy
- Engineering
- Entertainment
- Healthcare & Pharmac.
- Hotel/Gastro./Tour.
- Inform. technology (IT)
- Infrastructure
- Insolvency
- Insurance
- Intellect. property (IP)
- Investment arbitration
- ISDS/Foreign inves.
- Joint ventures
- Licensing
- Life sciences
- Maritime arbitration
- Media
- Mining
- Natural resources
- Power plants
- X Private Intern. Law
- Public Intern. Law
- Real estate
- Shipping
- Sports
- State/Public contracts
- X Technology
- Telecommunication
- Transport

14. Date of birth: 12/02/1978

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_____ 21 December 2023 _____
Date