

Research guests and Interns at UNIDROIT

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Visiting Scholars and Researchers

- Ms GUO YU (PR China), PhD, Associate Professor, Law School, Beijing University - Research on: "Legal Structure for Electronic Delivery in International Trade" – Scholarship of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) - Visiting Scholar (21 November 2018 – 15 February 2019);
- Ms Patricia LEAL BARROS (Venezuela), PhD Candidate, Universidad de los Andes, Santiago de Chile - Research on: "The right of retention. A configuration of this right in the Chilean legal system based on the New Law of Obligations" – UNIDROIT General Fund Scholarship - Visiting researcher (8 January - 15 February 2019);
- Mr Ihab AMRO (Jordan/Palestine), Post-Doctoral researcher, Central European University (CEU), Budapest - Research on: "The applicability of the UNIDROIT principles to online Arbitration agreements in international commercial contracts" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship - Visiting researcher (4 February – 29 March 2019);
- Ms Radwa ELSAMAN (Egypt), PhD, American University Washington School of Law, Assistant Professor, Cairo University - Research on: "Derivatives and Enhancing the Capital Market in a Transition Economy: The case study of Egypt as an Emerging Market Research period"- Visiting Scholar (25 March – 10 May 2019)
- Ms FILATOVA Nataliia (Ukraine), PhD. Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, Kharkiv - Research on: "Peculiarities of formation of international sales contracts by various electronic means" – UNIDROIT General Fund Scholarship - Visiting researcher (29 April – 10 May 2019 / 1 – 31 July 2019)
- Mr HAN Shuli (PRC), Doctor of Law, Jinan University, Guangdong, Assistant Research Fellow, School of Law, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou – Research on: "Soft law in international commercial cooperation from the perspective of UNIDROIT" - Scholarship of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) – Visiting Researcher (16 May – 26 July 2019)
- Mr UGUR Mehmet Sait (Turkey), LL.M. /JD Cand., University of Miami, School of Law – Research on: "The effective application of the MAC Protocol in Turkey" – Visiting researcher - UNIDROIT General Fund Scholarship (1 July – 14 August 2019)
- Mr SKONZOS Athanassios (Greece), PhD Cand., National & Kapodistrian University of Athens - Research on: "The burden of proof in civil procedure" - Visiting researcher - UNIDROIT General Fund Scholarship (2 September – 5 October 2019)
- Mr LI Xiansen (PRC), Doctor of Law, Renmin University, Beijing - Research on: "*The application and Development of Party Autonomy in International Commercial Arbitration*" - Visiting researcher – Scholarship of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) (23 September – 20 December 2019)
- Mr ZEIDLER Kamil (Poland), Doctor of Law, Professor, University of Gdansk - Research on: "Ratification and Implementation of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention in Polish Law- Assumptions" Visiting scholar - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (14 October – 8 November 2019)

The following persons were welcomed for a Research stay in the UNIDROIT Library:

Ms Denisa Docaj (Albania/Italy), Ms Ana Filipa Vrdoljak (Australia), Mr Marcelo Romao Marineli, Ms Viviane Limongi (Brazil), Mr Lionel Smith (Canada), Mr Alvaro Rodrigo Vidal Olivares, Mr Gonzalo Severin Fuster

(Chile), Mr Roderic Kermarec, Mr Thomas Genicon (France), Mr Zurabi Arsenishvili (Georgia), Mr Ben Koehler, Mr Christian Krueger (Germany), Ms Mahsa Farshbaf Khoshnazar, Mr Younes Aghapour Sabbagh, Mr Mohammad Soltani (Iran), Ms Francesca Pellegrini, Mr Manuel Franchi, Mr Antonio Bernardi, Ms Sabrina Contino, Mr Vincenzo Fucci, Mr Giovanni Nunziante Salazar, Mr Emanuele Stabile (Italy), Ms Akane Kido (Japan), Mr Jong Kyu Han, Ms Nayoung Youn (Korea), Mr Jack Robinson (New Zealand), Ms Mari Belen Saldana Solari, Mr Mijail Cienfuegos (Peru), Mr Maciej Kochanowski (Poland), Mr Zhang Jian, Ms Li Yingyi, Ms Hao Zilin (PRC), Mr Anton Shagalov, Ms Nadeshda Ogneva (Russian Federation), Ms Teresa Rodriguez Cachon, Mr Juan Pablo Rodriguez Delgado, Mr Joaquin Valcarcel Martinez (Spain), Ms Ada Sofie Altobelli (Switzerland), Ms Talya Sans Ucaryilmaz (Turkey), Ms Joy Faida (Uganda), Ms Galyna Prusenko (Ukraine) Mr Iyare Olubor, Ms Nadia Naim (UK)

Collaborators, fellows, interns, and researchers

The following students were welcomed as *Interns* collaborating on current projects within the UNIDROIT Secretariat:

Mr Jeremy Cummings (Australia), Ms Federica Ippoliti, Ms Laura Papasodaro (Italy), Mr Gordon Wai Chung (Hong Kong), Ms Hermine Vaquier, Mr Edouard Adelus, Ms Laura Galliano, Mr Michel Boudot (France), Ms Anna-Sophie Poeschl, Mr Christoph Luettenberg (Germany) Mr Shunsuke Fukuda (Japan), Ms Annette Acosta (Mexico), Ms Zheng Yafeng, Ms Liu Zhaoyan, Ms Xie Nanxi, Mr Deng Zeyi, Ms Yan Mingmin, Ms Cao Shangxian, Mr Lu Yige, Ms Xu Yixin (PRC), Mr Dylan Reeves (South Africa), Mr Gonzalo Sanz Setién (Spain), Ms Christina Buru, Mr Andrew B. Toporoff (USA), Ms Nguyen Thu Thuy (Vietnam)

2018

Research Scholarships Programme

Since it was first launched in 1993, the Research Scholarship Programme has enabled the Institute to host over 380 scholars from more than 64 countries with a view to their conducting in-depth research on their chosen subject, in line with UNIDROIT's activities involving uniform law, in the Institute Library for an average of two months.

In 2018, donations were received from the UNIDROIT Foundation, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM), as well as from members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council.

Mr Mael DESCHAMPS (France), Master Candidate, Sciences Po, Paris - Research on: "Agricultural land investment contracts" – UNIDROIT Foundation Scholarship (8 January to 30 March 2018);

Ms Wanlu ZHANG (PRC), PhD Candidate, International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University - Research on: "The Principal Effect of Ratification of the MAC Protocol on China: Benefits and Legal Challenges" – Scholarship of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) (8 January to 30 March 2018);

Ms Olivia Natasha MARYATMO (Indonesia), Bachelor of Laws, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta - Research on: "The legality of customary land as an object of agricultural land Contract in Indonesia" – UNIDROIT Foundation Scholarship (15 January to 16 March 2018);

Ms Priscila PEREIRA DE ANDRADE (Brazil), PhD, Université Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne - Research on: "New trends in Agricultural Investment Land Contracts: the contribution of UNIDROIT to the implementation of environmental protection clauses" – UNIDROIT Foundation Scholarship (5 February - 27 April 2018);

Ms Hanna KLUCZNIK (Poland), PhD Candidate, University of Silesia in Katowice - Research on: "International instruments of securing the interest of the creditor" – UNIDROIT General Fund Scholarship (9 April to 18 May 2018);

Ms Nataliya BOCHAROVA (Russian Federation), PhD, Associate Professor, Moscow State University, - Research on: "The doctrine of res judicata before foreign courts and international arbitral tribunals" – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (14 May to 22 June 2018);

Ms Adriana CASTRO PINZON (Colombia), PhD Candidate, Universidad Externado de Colombia - Research on: "Uniform conflict of laws rules for transnational electronic commerce activities as the tool to overcome tension with public policy (order public)" – UNIDROIT General Fund Scholarship (22 May to 20 July 2018);

Mr Weimin DIAO (PRC), Master of Law, Professor, Deputy Director of Civil Aviation Law Research Center, Beijing - Research on: "Application of the Cape Town Convention and improvement of the Chinese Law on Aircraft Leasing" – Scholarship of Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) (10 September to 10 December 2018);

Ms Alicja JAGIELSKA -BURDUK (Poland), PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Opole - Research on: "Special Status of Cultural Goods in International Trade and Commercial Law" – UNIDROIT General Fund Scholarship (8 October to 7 December 2018);

Ms Yu GUO (PRC), PhD, Associate Professor, Law School, Beijing University - Research on: "Legal Structure for Electronic Delivery in International Trade" – Scholarship of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) (19 November 2018 - 15 February 2019);

Collaborators, fellows, interns, and researchers

The following persons were hosted as *Research Assistants* in the UNIDROIT Secretariat in 2018:

Ms Giuditta Giardini (Italy), LL.B., Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Research Assistant in the UNIDROIT Secretariat, working on Cultural Property;

Mr Hamza Abdul Hameed (Pakistan), Advanced LL.M., Leiden University, Assistant to the UNIDROIT Foundation;

Mr Paul Fabel (Germany), M.A. International Relations, Dresden University of Technology, Mercator Fellow on International Affairs, Mercator Foundation, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin;

The following students were welcomed as *Interns* collaborating on current projects within the UNIDROIT Secretariat:

Ms Delfina Isoardi (Argentina/Italy), Ms Nandini Baiyaj, Ms Ashna Taneja (Australia), Mr David Wouters (Belgium), Mr Pedro Marcon, Ms Isabel Saraiva Braga (Brazil), Mr Kevin Cubeddu, Ms Celia Devron, Ms Marion Torterat, Mr David Sabri, Ms Gabrielle Lataste (France), Ms Kristina Birgitta Gross (Germany), Mr Hossein Mazaherifar (Iran), Ms Tehilla Schwartz (Israel), Ms Alessandra Pedinotti, Mr Alessandro Neroni, Ms Giovanna Amelio, Mr Davide Zanoni (Italy), Mr Jasper Lupeto (Kenya), Ms Irais Reyes de la Torre (Mexico) Ms Chen Jie, Ms Li Sentao, Ms Yue Siyu, Mr Li Jiankun, Ms Sun Wenjia (PRC), Ms Claudia Quinones Vila (Puerto Rico), Ms Ksenia Kalmykova (Russian Federation), Ms Thongmeensuk Saliltorn (Thailand), Ms Neda Senturk, Ms Beyza Olcer (Turkey), Ms Alicia Dixon (USA).

The following persons were welcomed as *Researchers* in the UNIDROIT Library:

Mr Joao Pedro de Oliveira (Brazil), Mr Alvaro Vidal Olivares, Mr Jaime Alcalde Silva, Ms Lorena Carvajal Arenas, Ms Claudia Mejias Alonzo (Chile), Mr Lionel Charry Villalba, Mr Diego Franco Victoria, Mr William David Hernandez Martinez (Colombia), Ms Josipa Sustic (Croatia), Ms Veronika Vanisova, Mr Ondrej Sbovoda (Czech Republic), Mr Thomas Genicon (France), Mr Enrique Martinez Guzman (Guatemala), Mr George Das (India), Ms Mahsa Farshbah Khoshnazar, Mr Younes Aghapour Sabbagh (Iran), Ms Celia Fassberg (Israel), Mr Emanuele Stabile, Mr Vito Pacillo, Ms Francesca Saut, Ms Chiara Benvenuto, Ms Elisa Colletti (Italy) Mr Benedict Antonin Schuijling (Netherlands), Ms Milena Sljivich Gomez (Paraguay), Ms Mila Drljevic (Serbia), Ms Angustias Martos Calabrus, Mr Alvaro Nunez Iglesias, Mr Joaquin Valcarcel Martinez (Spain) Mr Mustafa Halil Conkar (Turkey), Ms Oksana Matiyash (Ukraine).

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2017, donations were received from the Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU), the UNIDROIT Foundation, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM), as well as from members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council.

- Mr Syed Musasser FIDA GARDAZI (Pakistan), Ph.D., International Islamic University, Islamabad - Research on: "Application of the Vienna Sales Convention in Pakistan" – Scholarship of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (10 March – 5 May);
- Mr Ivan FILARTIGA (Paraguay), LL.M., George Washington University Law School - Research on: "MAC Protocol, a glance to the future from the Paraguayan perspective" – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship – (3 April – 31 May);
- Mr Vasyi LIUTYI (Ukraine), Ph.D., Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kiev - Research on: "Close-Out Netting" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (10 April – 9 June);
- Ms Basak ERDOGAN (Turkey), Ph.D., Cand. Galatasaray University, Istanbul - Research on: "Unwinding failed contracts" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (17 April – 31 May);
- Ms Farangis KHASANOVA (Uzbekistan), Master, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent - Research on: "Improving the legal bases for foreign economic activities – a focus on contractual conditions (specifically "Force Majeure")" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (5 June – 31 July);
- Mr Raul ITURRALDE GONZALEZ (Mexico), SJD., University of Arizona, - Research on: "Principles, Customs and Practices behind the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts (1994)" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (5 June – 31 July);
- Mr Mohamed R. ABDELSALAM (Egypt), LL.M., Loyola University of Chicago, John Felice Centre, Rome - Research on: "Egyptian legal framework and ADR Mechanisms Governing the Contract Farming in the light of the UNIDROIT/IFAD Legal Guide" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (15 June – 28 July);
- Ms Albana KAPARANCO (Albania), Master of Laws, Central European University, Budapest - Research on: "Security devices and modern techniques for access to credit in agriculture-based economies and emerging markets" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (19 June – 31 July);
- Mr Payman DADRAS (Iran), Ph.D., Université Paris 1, Panthéon Sorbonne, Professor, The Islamic Azad University, Science and Research Branch (SRBIAU), Tehran - Research on: "L'impact des Principes 4 et 6 d'UNIDROIT sur la "clause de démurrage": Etude du système juridique de common law et des pays civilistes" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (19 June – 31 July);
- Mr Vladimir PALAMARCIUC (Moldavia), Ph.D., Faculty of Law of the Moldova University- Research on: "Legal particularities of the monetary civil obligations" – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (4 September -13 October);
- Ms Katarina DURDENIC (Croatia) PhD., University of Zagreb - Research on: "Profit participating loans" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (4 September – 13 October);
- Ms Ligia ESPLOAOR VERONESE (Brazil), Ph.D., Cand., University of Sao Paulo - Research on: "The principles of Brics contract law – PBCL - UNIDROIT" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (18 September – 27 October);
- Ms Valezca RAIZER BORGES MOSCHEN (Brazil), PhD, University of Barcelona – Professor, Federal -University of Espiritu Santo, Vitoria - Research on: "Dynamics of the Harmonization of Transnational Civil Procedure : From ALI to ELI/UNIDROIT" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (16 October – 15 December);
- Mr Claudiu Mihai TAIATU (Romania), LL.M., International Institute of Space and Law, Leiden University – Research on: "The Applicability of the Space Protocol of the Cape Town Convention, Space Asset – Cape Town and Repossession Insurance"- UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (2 November - 22 December);
- Mr Eduardo FARINATI (Argentina), Professor, Universidad Argentina de la Empresa (UADE) – Research on: "Capital Markets – The search for convergence between Europe and Latin America" – Joint UADE/UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (6 November – 14 December).

Collaborators, interns and researchers

The following persons were received as a *Secondee* and as *Research Assistants* in the UNIDROIT Secretariat in 2017:

Ms Paulien van der Grinten (Netherlands), Senior legislative Lawyer, Ministry of Security and Justice of the Netherlands, on secondment working on Civil Procedure.

Ms Giuditta Giardini (Italy), LL.B., Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Research Assistant in the UNIDROIT Secretariat, working on Cultural Property;

Mr Hamza Abdul Hameed (Pakistan), Advanced LL.M., Leiden University, Assistant to the UNIDROIT Foundation;

The following students were welcomed as *Interns* collaborating on current projects within the UNIDROIT Secretariat:

Ms Nargiz Huseynova (Azerbaijan), Ms Nandini Bajaj, Ms Ashna Taneja (Australia), Ms Anais Mattez (Belgium/Thailand), Guilherme Dutra Miranda, Ms Isadora Rebeschini Migliavacca, Mr Pedro Marcon (Brazil), Ms Mylina Perron-Simard (Canada - *Internship sponsored by the Caisse Desjardins de Charlesbourg*), Ms Kidist Ejerssa Demissie (Ethiopia) *under the cooperation agreement with PROLAW Programme/Loyola University Chicago, John Felice Rome Center*, Ms Mathilde Foucher (France), Mr Felix Aiwanger (Germany), Ms Camilla Ancona (Italy), Ms Qi Jun Kwong (Malaysia) *under the cooperation agreement with Nagoya University*, Mr Yukai Yu (PRC) *under the cooperation with the Georgetown University Law Center's 2017 International Internship Program (IIP)*, Mr Jiankun LI (PRC), Mr Jacek Kozikowski (Poland) *under the cooperation agreement with Nagoya University*, Ms Lois Wetzel (USA).

The following persons were welcomed as *Independent Researchers* in the UNIDROIT Library:

Mr Benosmane Mahfoud (Algeria), Mr Pablo Lerner (Argentina), Mr Antonio Eduardo Reichmann Seixas, Ms Mariana Ribeiro Siqueira (Brazil), Ms Maria Fernanda Vasquez Palma, Mr Alvaro Rodrigo Olivares Vidal (Chile), Mr Diego Enrique Franco Victoria (Colombia), Ms Josipa Sustic, Mr Lovro Klepac (Croatia), Ms Wafaa Sayed Ahmed Khalil (Egypt), Ms Julia Hoernig, Mr Sebastian Seeger, Mr Alexander Trunk, Mr Justus Meyer (Germany), Mr Aikaterini Florou (Greece), Mr Josef Kiss (Hungary), Ms Donatella Messina, Mr Vito Pacillo, Mr Luca Ettore Perriello (Italy), Ms Victoria Alva Lugo (Mexico), Ms Helen Tung, Ms Jingjung Xia (PRC), Ms Ekaterina Serdyuk (Russian Federation), Ms Katarina Geskova (Slovakia), Mr David Carrizo Aguado, Samuel Hernandez Aguado, Mr Unai Belintxon Martin, Mr Manuel Sanchez Alvarez (Spain), Ms Rhea Specogna (Switzerland), Mr Ogyz Dorken (Turkey), Ms Mugenzi Foster (Uganda).

2016

In 2016, donations were received from the Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU), the Foundation for International Uniform Law of UNIDROIT, members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council.

Mr Rishiraj BARUAH (India), LL.M. (Advanced), International Institute of Air Space and Space Law, Leiden University - Research on: "Civil liability for satellite navigation services in India" – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (4 January – 4 February);

Mr Guoan LI (P.R.C.), Dean, Professor of law, International law department, School of Law, Xiamen University - Research on: "Modernisation of the international financial regulation and implications for Chinese financial and security market" - United Kingdom Foundation scholarship – (11 January – 12 February);

- Mr Ihab ARJA (Jordan), LL.M. Commercial Law, Yarmouk University – Aviation Jurist - Research on: "Protecting the National Interests, Creditors under CTC and the Aircraft Protocol" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (11 January – 11 February);
- Mr Dejian KONG (P.R.C), Ph.D., Cand. International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University - Research on: "Civil liability for damage caused by Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (1 February – 25 March);
- Mr Weldon Walter BLACK ZALDIVAR (Paraguay), LL.M, Fordham University, New York Official, Ministry of Justice - Research on: "Paraguay's Future in the Air Business and the Cape Town Convention" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (4 April – 31 May);
- Mr Sofiane BENMESSAOUD (Algeria), PhD Cand., Université d'Oran, Avocat, Barreau d'Oran, enseignant vacataire, Faculté de Commerce, Université d'Oran - Research on: "Lex mercatoria et les grands systemes juridiques contemporains" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (4 April – 31 May);
- Ms Kanella KAPOUTSI (Greece), LL.M., Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen. Since 2014, Dissertation on Comparative Law - Research on: "Investment Consulting Provided by German and Greek Banks: An analysis of private law and the law of Capital markets" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (4 April – 31 May);
- Mr Erna PRILIASARI (Indonesia), Master of Law, University of Indonesia - Head for International Legal Cooperation Sub-Division - The National Law Development Agency, Ministry of Law and Human Rights - Research on: "Financial Leasing – International trends and legal regime in Indonesia" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (26 April – 25 May);
- Mr Peng GUO (P.R.C.), Ph.D., University of New South Wales, Australia - Research on : "The Good Faith principle in International long-Term Relational Supply Contracts under changed circumstances: from a perspective of the CISG and the UNIDROIT Principles" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (2 -29 May);
- Mr He Bo (P.R.C), Master, TLBU University, Seoul - Research on : "The comparative study of data protection rules in E-commerce" – TLBU scholarship (2 May – 10 June);
- Ms Malgorzata POHL (Poland), PhD., (full time) University of Silesia, Katowice PhD., (Cotutelle) Osnabrück University - Assistant, Department of Private International Law, University of Silesia - Research on : "The party autonomy in private international law – the need to revise the basic assumption" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (9 May – 17 June);
- Ms Minh Hang NGUYEN (Vietnam), Doyenne, Faculté de droit, Ecole Supérieure de Commerce Extérieur, Hanoi – Research on : "Le droit du contrat de construction au Vietnam: vers une bonne conformité avec les principes internationaux" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (23 May – 3 July);
- Mr Jun Fu (P.R.C.), PhD, Peking University – Professor, Law School of University of International Business and Economics (UBIE) - Research on : "Investor State Dispute Settlement: Problems, Reforms and Choice of China" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (1 June – 29 July);
- Mr Remmy WAMIMBI (Uganda), Bachelor of Laws, Dar es Salaam – Legal Officer, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development - Research on : "Considerations for a Harmonised Law on Financial Leasing in Uganda and the East African Community"- UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (1 June - 29 July);
- Mr Cristina BRITOS (Argentina), PhD, National University of Cordoba – Research on : The ALI- UNIDROIT Principles of Civil Transnational Procedure as a model to reform Argentine rules of recognition and enforcement for foreign judgments - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (5 September – 4 November);
- Ms Saloni KHANDERIA (India), LL.M., University of Johannesburg – Research on : "The role of the UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts in the law of India" - UNIDROIT General Fund scholarship (13 June – 15 July);
- Mr István ERDÖS (Hungary), PhD, Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law and Political Sciences – Research on : "The choice and application of non-state law, especially that of the UNIDROIT Principles in international contracts" – UNIDROIT General Fund scholarship (5 September – 4 November);
- Ms Sigita FOMICIOVA (Lithuania), LL.M., Vilnius University – Judicial Assistant, Department of Legal Research of the Supreme Court of Lithuania - Research on : "Application of *lis pendens* rule outside the international agreements" – UNIDROIT General Fund scholarship (26 September – 28 October);

Ms Nengjiao WU (PRC), Master, TLBU University, Seoul - Research on : Dispute Settlement of Transnational Electronic Commerce – “Taking Online Dispute Settlement For Example” - TLBU scholarship (24 October – 2 December).

Collaborators, interns and researchers

Ms Golnaz Jafari (Iran), LL.M., The Virje University of Brussels - Research Assistant for the UNIDROIT Secretariat with a UNIDROIT Foundation grant (15 January – 15 March);

Mr Ercole De Vito (Italy) Master of Laws, L.U.I.S.S. Guido Carli University in Rome - Research Assistant in the UNIDROIT Secretariat (working on the Community of Practice on Legal Aspects of Contract Farming) with a funding from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (1 January – 30 April and 15 September – 15 December).

Mr Solomon Madike NGOLADI (Nigeria), Senior Supervisor, Enforcement Division, Securities and Exchange Commission, Research on : “The UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Principles and Rules capable of enhancing trading in securities in emerging markets” - *Research fellow at the UNIDROIT Secretariat* – Joint grant : German funding for netting project/UNIDROIT Foundation (1 April - 30 June);

Ms Giuditta GIARDINI (Italy), LL.B., Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Research Assistant in the UNIDROIT Secretariat, working on Cultural Property.

Mr Hossein FAHIMI (Iran), LL.M. University of Tehran, Member of Board of Directors and Vice President in Special Affairs, I.R. Iran Securities and Exchange Organization, special guest on capital markets instruments, visiting UNIDROIT (1 June).

The following students were welcomed as *interns* collaborating on current projects within the UNIDROIT Secretariat :

Ms Marcela Mollinedo Rocha (Bolivia), Mr Fabio Franceschi Baraldo, Mr Cyro Faria Annes (Brazil), Mr Mohamed Abdelsalam (Egypt), Ms Anne Brigot-Laperrousaz, Ms Morgane Frapart (France), Ms Sabrina Genzow, Mr Ben Koehler, Mr Julian Mueller (Germany), Ms Niranjana Menon (India), Ms Shideh Bozorgzadeh (Iran), Ms Elisa Petorino, Mr Vincenzo Filippone (Italy), Ms Shiho Kato, Mr Naoyuki Okano (Japan), Mr Jaekyu Lee, Ms Jung Hwa You (Korea), Ms Natalia Nikitina (Russian Federation), Mr Richard Muliika (Uganda), Mr Jason Pruett (USA).

The following persons were welcomed as *independent researchers* in the UNIDROIT library:

Mr Davit Grigoryan (Armenia), Mr Leonel Sanoni Charry Villalba, Jorge Enrique Cely León, Marko Felipe Corredor, Carlos Ivan Moreno Machado (Colombia), Mr Lubos Mazanec (Czech Republic), Ms Amira Mahmoud, Ms Elham Mabrouk (Egypt), Mr Petri Keskitalo, Ms Isabelle Rueda (France), Mr Maximilian Bender, Mr Jakub Krumrey, Mr Philipp Paech, Mr Thomas Träschler (Germany), Mr Soterios Loizou (Greece), Ms Orsolya Eotvos (Hungary), Ms Ornella Belfiore, Ms Alice Caputo, Ms Caterina Ravot Licheri, Ms Benedetta Sirgiovanni (Italy), Ms Dushica Atanasovska (Macedonia), Ms Shu Zhang (PRC), Mr Piotr Stec (Poland), Mr Unai Belintxon, Mr José Carlos Espigares Huete, Ms Laura Garcia Alvarez, Mr Manuel Sanchez Alvarez, Ms Isué Natalia Vargas Brand, Ms Barbara de la Vega Justribo, Mr Juan Pablo Perez Velazquez, Ms Maria Isabel Villar Fuentes (Spain), Ms Souda Youssef (Tunisia), Ms Maria Teresa Pena Ojeda (Venezuela), Mr Nguyen Trung Nam (Vietnam)

2015

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2015, donations were received from the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law, the Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU), the Foundation for International Uniform Law of Unidroit, members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council and the President of UNIDROIT.

- Ms Maria Ignacia VIAL UNDURRAGA (Chile), Professor, Universidad de los Andres, Santiago – Research on: “Proposal of amendment of the Chilean private international rules on contracts” – UNIDROIT scholarship (7 – 29 January);
- Ms Maria Eugenia Leila BERTIZZOLO (Argentina), Master Candidate, Universidad de Buenos Aires– Research on: “Contract Farming as a tool for the development of the agribusiness in Argentina” – UNIDROIT/UADE joint scholarship (7 January – 26 February);
- Mr Gocha GIORGIDZE (Georgia), Ph.D. Candidate, University of Hamburg – Research on: “Georgisches Privatrecht und Rechtspraxis im Siegel “UNIDROIT Principien” – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (7 January – 6 March);
- Mr Asress GIKAY (Ethiopia), SDJ Candidate, Central European University, Budapest - Research on: “New legal framework for Secured Transactions in Ethiopia based on UCC Article 9, German and Hungarian Secured Transactions Laws” – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (1 March – 30 April);
- Ms Farzaneh SHAKERI (Iran), Ph.D Candidate, University of Tehran, – Research on: “The application of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects by Iran: Challenges, Prospects and Opportunities” - UNIDROIT scholarship (25 March – 25 May);
- Mr Frantisek LIPTAK (Slovakia), Ph.D Candidate, Pavol Jozef Safarik University in Kosice, – Research on: “Lex mercatoria and deciding cases ex aequo et bono” – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (13 April – 12 June);
- Ms CAI SIYU (P.R.C), Master Candidate, Renmin University of Beijing, – Research on: “Bona Fide Acquisition of Stolen Cultural Property) UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (4 May – 30 June);
- Ms Ekaterina IVANOVA (Russian Federation), Doctoral Candidate, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, – Research on: “Letters of intent in international commercial transactions” – United Kingdom Foundation scholarship (5 May – 2 July);
- Ms Ana KEGLEVIC (Croatia), Assistant Professor, University of Zagreb, – Research on: “Disgorgement of Profits – A case for UNIDROIT” – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (4 May – 30 June);
- Mr Albana HANA (Albania), Dr. iur. Candidate, Albrecht Mendelssohn Bartholdy Graduate School of Law, – Research on: “Harmonisation and unification of private and transnational procedural law and the role of judges into practices of bringing legal certainty: common core and better law” – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (1 June – 16 July);
- Ms Burcu ERBAYRAKTAR (Turkey), Ph.D. Candidate, Istanbul University Institute of Social Sciences, – Research on: “Non-assignment clauses in Turkish law and comparative law” – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (8 June – 31 July);
- Mr Faadhil ADAMS (South Africa), Ph.D. Candidate, University of Johannesburg, – Research on: “Free movement of companies under a SADC and EU compared perspective” – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (9 June – 10 July);
- Ms Robin Vicky CUPIDO (South Africa), LL.D. Candidate, University of Johannesburg, Research on: “The role and application of good faith in long-term contracts” – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (15 June – 10 July);
- Mr Garth BOUWERS (South Africa), LL.D. Candidate, University of Johannesburg, Research on: “Tacit choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts: A global Comparative Study” – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (15 June – 10 July);
- Mr Coovi Prudence Léonce DAHODEKOU (Bénin), PhD, Université d’Abomey-Calavi, Research on: “Réflexions sur un droit materiel applicable aux titres intermédiés dans l’espace OHADA” - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (14 September – 30 October);
- Mr Karel Osiris Coffi DOGUE (Bénin), Docteur en Droit, Université de Montréal, Chef de services Etudes et Recherche, ERSUMA– Research on: “Les joint-ventures OHADA: Etude à la lumière des Principes UNIDROIT 2010” – UNITED KINGDOM Foundation scholarship (14 September – 30 October);
- Mr Stoyan Panayotov IVANOV (Bulgaria), Assistant, University of Sofia “Sveti Kliment Ohridski – Research on: “Legal rules and procedures on the transfer of ownership of agricultural land in European post-communist countries” – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (21 September – 23 November).

Collaborators, interns and researchers

Mr Teemu Viinikainen (Finland) Master of Laws, University of Turku and Mr Ercole De Vito (Italy) Master of Laws, L.U.I.S.S. Guido Carli University in Rome, were welcomed as *Research Assistants* in the UNIDROIT Secretariat.

The following students were welcomed as *interns* collaborating on current projects within the UNIDROIT Secretariat:

Ms Eléonore Coutinho Tavares de Pinho (Belgium/Portugal), Mr Hitalo Enrique do Amaral Silva (Brasil), Ms Elodie Fortin (Canada), Ms Viviana Mendez, Mr Édgar E. Méndez Zamora (Costa Rica), Mr Ibrahim Amir (Ethiopia), Ms Morgane Bona-Pellissier (France), Mr Dominik Stefer (Germany), Mr Faidon Varesis (Greece), Ms Niranjana Menon (India), Ms Golnaz Jafari, Ms Shideh Bozorgzadeh (Iran), Mr Netanel Kimchi (Israel), Ms Iliaria Stassano, Ms Giuditta Giardini, Mr Pier Paolo Arganelli, Ms Valeria Belelli, Mr Francesco Rosso, Ms Elisabetta Ricci (Italy), Mr Alessandro Pulvirenti (Italy/Switzerland), Ms Crizette Tanya Manalaysay (Philippines), Ms Wang Cheng (PRC), Ms Sofia Fernandez Marino, Mr Jesus Garcia Aparicio (Spain), Ms Alessandra Kylin (Sweden), Mr Tarek Kadour Aleinieh (Syria), Ms Cansu Cesur, Mr Tugrul Cakir (Turkey), Ms Alexandra Logue (USA), Mr Kudzai Nigel Maramba (Zimbabwe)

The following persons were welcomed as *independent researchers* in the UNIDROIT library:

Ms Evy Marquez, Ms Iacyr Aguilar de Vieira (Brasil), Ms Charlotte Jull, Ms Natalia Vezina (Canada), Mr Ditlev Tamm (Denmark), Mr Philipp Paech (Germany), Mr Jakub Krumrey (Germany/Poland), Ms Benedetta Sirgiovanni, Mr Lorenzo D'Alessio, Ms Roberta Peleggi, Mr Francesco Muolo, Ms Alice Caputo (Italy), Ms Gladys Palomino Contreras (Peru), Mr Ioan Luca Vlad (Romania), Mr Anton Didenko (Russia), Ms Laura Zumaquero, Ms Nerea Magallon Elosegui, Mr Manuel Sanchez Alvarez, Ms Rosalia Estupinan Caceres, Ms Laura Carballo Pineiro, Ms Raquel Guillen Catalan (Spain), Mr Régis Bonan, Mr Helmut Heiss (Switzerland), Mr Xue Jun (P.R.C.).

2014

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2014, donations were received from the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law, as well as from members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council. Some funding received in 2013 has been used for research stays in 2014.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

Ms Fatma BOURAOUI (Tunisia), Professor, University of Carthage, Tunis – Research on: “The UNIDROIT Principles as a Renewed Source of the Lex Mercatoria, and the Islamic Law as a Part of this Dialectic ” – UNIDROIT scholarship (20 January – 24 March);

Ms Romy Suzanne MEVOUNGOU ZAMBO (Cameroon), Ph.D Candidate, University of Yaoundé 2 – Soa – Research on: “Les tentatives de codification de la période précontractuelle dans l’œuvre législative contemporaine” – UNIDROIT scholarship (19 January – 14 March);

Ms XIN Chen (People’s Republic of China), Assistant Professor of Law, School of Law, Xiamen University, – Research on: “The Possibility of Introducing Close-Out Netting Provision into China’s Legal System” – UNIDROIT scholarship (3 February – 28 March);

Ms Vanya SINGH (India), Assistant legal Advisor, Securities and Exchange Board of India - Research on: “The impact of foreign institutional investments on domestic retail participation in the capital markets in India ” – UNIDROIT scholarship (3 February – 14 March);

Ms Oksana BILOUS (Ukraine), Ph.D Candidate, Department of Private International Law, Institute of International Relations, National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv, – Research on: “A comparative Analysis of

Contract Law Based on the UNIDROIT Principles” - UNIDROIT scholarship (3 February – 14 March);

Mr Harisankar KADAVIL SATHYAPALAN (India), Assistant Professor of Law, National Law University, Jodhpur, – Research on: “The Interactions between International Private Law and International Commercial Arbitration – Focusing on the potential relevance of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts ” – The Netherlands/UNIDROIT scholarship (17 March – 8 May);

Ms Siem HOK (Cambodia), Master of Laws Graduate, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul, – Research on: “The Financial Lease in the UNIDROIT Instruments, the UCC and the Cambodian legislation – Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU) scholarship (14 April – 23 May);

Ms Jiuying YANG (People’s Republic of China), Master of Laws Graduate, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul, – Research on: “A Comparative Study on Fundamental Breach under the CISG, PICC and Chinese Contract Law” – Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU) scholarship (14 April – 23 May);

Dr Fu Wenyi (People’s Republic of China), Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Law College of Kunming University of Science and Technology, Kunming, – Research on: “Genetically Modified Crops and Intellectual Property Law Issues in Agricultural Contracts in China and under a Comparative Law Perspective” – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (2 June – 31 July);

Mr Huy Hoang NGUYEN (Vietnam), Master of Laws Graduate, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul, – Research on: “Third Party Liability Due to GNSS Malfunction : Liabilities Arising from Third Party States” – Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU) scholarship (3 June – 11 July);

Ms Thi Thu Trang NGUYEN (Vietnam), Master of Laws Graduate, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul, – Research on: “Legal Policies and Regulations Governing Contract Farming in Vietnam” – Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU) scholarship (3 June – 11 July);

Ms Kim Hanh Dung VU (Vietnam), Master of Laws Graduate, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul, – Research on: “Intellectual Property Law in Asean Economic Community – A Lesson from EU” – Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU) scholarship (3 June – 11 July);

Mr Ihab ABUAL-ARJA (Jordan), Legal Director, Aviation Jurist, Jordan Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC), – Research on: “Security Interests and Remedies protecting Creditors under the Cape Town Convention and its Protocol on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment – A Study Applied to the Jordanian Legal System” – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (20 June – 27 July);

Ms A. Afolasade ADEWUMI (Nigeria), Ph.D Candidate, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan – Research on: “A Comparative analysis of the 1970 UNESCO and the 1995 UNIDROIT Conventions on Return and Restitution of Cultural Property to their Countries of Origin with Particular Emphasis on Africa” – UNITED KINGDOM Foundation scholarship (2 October – 7 November);

Mr Jenner Alonso TOBAR TORRES (Colombia), Ph.D Candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Buenos Aires – Research on: “The normative self-regulation of private actors in international trade: the case of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts” – UNITED KINGDOM Foundation scholarship (20 October – 20 December).

Collaborators, interns and researchers

The following persons were welcomed in 2014 as *interns* under an institutional cooperation with UNIDROIT:

Ms Andrea Piccolo Brandao (Brazil) and Mr Ernesto Vargas (Chile) - *New York University of Law*.

The following students were welcomed as interns in the UNIDROIT Secretariat and in the UNIDROIT Library:

Ms Dunia Abboud (Brazil/Lebanon), Mr Jeremy Boulanger-Bonnely (Canada), Mr Teemu Viinikainen (Finland), Ms Natasha Constantin, Ms Aurore Dorget (France), Mr Klaus Alexander Hoffmann, Ms Anne Marie Hurtz (Germany), Ms Elpida Siamnou (Greece), Mr Riccardo Savona Siemens (Italy), Mr Mitsuhiro Yoshimura (Japan), Ms Cheong Ah Lee, Mr Sungkyu Lee (Rep. of Korea), Ms Clara Maria Lopez Rodriguez (Spain) Mr José La Riva (Switzerland/Venezuela), Ms Maryna Chaika, Ms Olga Nalvaichenko (Ukraine), Ms Kristin Grotecloss (USA).

The following persons were welcomed as *independent researchers* in the UNIDROIT Library:

Ms Albana Hana (Albania), Mr Sofiane Hadidane, Mr Kara Mouloud (Algeria), Mr Fabio Esborraz (Argentina), Ms Brooke Adele Marshall (Australia/New Zealand), Mr Rodrigo Vaz Sampaio, Mr Hugo Tubone Yamashita, Ms Betina Vargas (Brazil), Mr Mauricio Andrés Inostroza Saez (Chile), Mr Sébastien Vanegas (France), Ms Maia Gogoladze (Georgia), Mr Jakub Krumrey, Mr Philipp Paech (Germany), Ms Martina Ciccarello, Ms Giuditta Cordero-Moss, Mr Lorenzo D'Alessio, Mr Filip Fabbio, Ms Carlotta Frattari, Ms Roberta Peleggi, Mr Valerio Romano, Ms Benedetta Sirgiovanni, Mr Matteo Zamboni (Italy), Mr Pong Gui (PRC), Ms Irina Lapetova, Ms Anait Abramyan, Ms Yulia Shabalina (Russian Federation), Mr Jorge Feliu Rey, Ms Sara Martin Salamanca, Mr Juan Pablo Rodriguez Delgado, Ms Lourdes Blanco Perez-Rubio, Mr Juan Pablo Perez Velazquez, Ms Teresa Rodriguez De Las Heras Balell (Spain), Ms Verity Winship (USA).

2013

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2013, donations were received from the Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU), as well as from members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council. The funding received in 2012 has been used for research stays in 2013.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

Ms Asma AGREBI (Tunisia), PhD Candidate, Faculté de droit et des sciences politiques de Tunis – Research on: “Les contrats cadres de distribution en droit international des investissements: les contrats de distribution sélective, les contrats de franchisage et les contrats de concession ” – Partial grant from UNIDROIT (2 January – 15 February) ;

Mr Pablo IANNELLO (Argentina), Professor, Universidad Argentina de la Empresa – Research on: “The Geneva Convention on Intermediated Securities under an Argentinean Perspective” – Joint UADE/UNIDROIT scholarship (25 January – 15 March);

Mr Peter VISHNEVSKIY (Russian Federation), Ph.D Candidate, National Research University “Higher School of Economics”– Research on: “Legal forms of international finance” – UNIDROIT scholarship (28 February – 30 April);

Ms WANG Xu (People’s Republic of China), Master, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul,– Research on: “Securities holding and cross-border transactions under the Geneva securities Convention” –TLBU UNIDROIT scholarship (4 March – 12 April);

Ms DUAN Xiuli (People’s Republic of China), Master, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul,– Research on: “Hardship in the PICC and in the Chinese contract law from a perspective of comparative study” –TLBU UNIDROIT scholarship (4 March – 12 April);

Ms Quynh Diep Nguyen (Vietnam), Master, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul,– Research on: “Comparison between the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and Vietnamese commercial contract law” –TLBU UNIDROIT scholarship (1 June – 12 July);

Mr Duc Tien BUI (Vietnam), Master, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul,– Research on: “Remedies in agricultural production contracts: Legislation and practice in Vietnam” –TLBU UNIDROIT scholarship (1 June – 12 July);

Mr FAN Xiaoliang (People’s Republic of China), Phd Candidate, Wuhan University School of Law, Wuhan,– Research on: “Recast of China’s securities Law on selected aspects: Experiences from EU instruments” – TLBU UNIDROIT scholarship (3 June – 31 July).

Collaborators, interns and researchers

Ms Jihon Kim (Republic of Korea), Assistant Programme Specialist of the Culture & Communication Team, Korean National Commission for UNESCO, on Secondment conducted work on the 1970 UNESCO Convention and 1995 UNIDROIT Convention in relation to Korea from 14 January to 5 April 2013.

The following persons were welcomed as interns under an institutional cooperation with UNIDROIT:

- Mr Thomas Traschler (Austria), Mr Francisco Javier Munoz (Argentina) - New York University of Law
- Ms Amanda Souza (Canada) - Canadian Law Program at the University of Ottawa
- Ms Alessandra Zuin and Ms Giulia Cusin (Italy) - Dipartimento di Scienze Giuridiche del Linguaggio, dell'Interpretazione e della Traduzione of the Università degli Studi di Trieste.

The following students were welcomed as interns in the UNIDROIT Secretariat, in the UNIDROIT Library and to work on the UNILEX Database:

Mr Francisco José Trebucq (Argentina), Ms Marlene Brosch (Austria), Mr Carlos Fernando Pretto Reis (Brazil), Ms Anne-Laure Vaessen (Belgium), Mr Antony Dobrzensky (Canada), Mr Djamel El Akra (France), Ms Verena Frenz, Ms Jessica Beyer (Germany), Mr Alessandro Pulvirenti (Italy/Switzerland), Mr Marco Cappelletti (Italy), Mr Alex Shapiro (Israel), Ms Lee Jong-Hyeok (Korea), Ms Hyewon Lee (Korea), Mr Marcos Jaime Leyes (Mexico), Mr Mandakh Tsogtsiakhan (Mongolia), Ms Kate Morrison (New Zealand), Ms Yuanzhi Zhou (PRC), Ms Katarzyna Szczudlik (Poland), Ms Naylya Gaysina (Russian Federation), Ms Rocio Herrera Blanco (Spain), Ms Iryna Borisova, Ms Olga Nalvaichenko (Ukraine), Mr Derek Kulland and Mr Anthony Blackburn (United States of America).

The following persons were welcomed as independent researchers in the UNIDROIT Library:

Mr Kara Mouloud (Algeria), Mr Fabio Esborraz (Argentina), Mr Gustavo Santos Kulesza (Brazil), Ms Nelly Nyia Engon (Cameroon), Ms Eliana Mejia Chavarria (Colombia), Mr Bjorn Sandvik (Finland), Ms Maia Gogoladze (Georgia), Mr Philipp Paech (Germany), Ms Giuditta Cordero-Moss, Mr Lorenzo d'Alessio, Ms Benedetta Sirgiovanni, Ms Melanie Buchschwenter, Ms Martina Ciccarello, Mr Fabian Pfeifer, Ms Giovanna Polidori, Ms Michaela Severi, Mr Filip Fabbio (Italy), Mr Misfud Bonnici, Mr Alexander Cacchia Zammit (Malta), Mr El Mokhtar Bakkour (Morocco), Mr Chima Williams (Nigeria), Ms Rosario Espinosa Calabuig, Ms Yolanda Berguel Sainz de Baranda, Ms Remedios Aranda Rodriguez, Ms Isabel Mondejar Pena, Ms Maria del Pilar Perez Alavarez, Ms Maria del Rosario Diaz Romero, Ms Maria de la Goñi Rodriguez de Almeida, Mr Juan Pablo Rodriguez Delgado, Ms Concepcion Pablo-Romero Gil-Delgado (Spain), Mr Helmut Heiss, Mr Nicolas Kuonen (Switzerland), Mr Sieg Einselen (South Africa), Mr Duncan E. Alford, Ms Alison Rende, Ms Rachel Agius, Ms Jane Clyne (United States of America).

2012

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2012, donations were received from the Government of the Netherlands, the Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU), the US Foundation for International Uniform Law, as well as from members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council; the Legal Co-operation chapter of the UNIDROIT general budget financed a number of part-scholarships supplemented by external sources of funding identified by the researchers themselves – private or public institutions in their countries of origin, or private funds. The funding received is being used for research stays in 2012 or 2013.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

Mr GAO Pengcheng (People's Republic of China), Candidate, Faculty of International Law, China University of Political Science and Law – Research on "The Way Ahead for Enforcing Close-out Netting in China – Exploration on the Resilience of Chinese Law on the Basis of the Draft UNIDROIT Principles" – Grant from

the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law (13 December 2011 – 10 February, 2012);

- Mr Olarewanju Olakodun ADEOJO (Nigeria), Associate Professor, Olabisi Onabanjo University – Research on: CISG and the UNIDROIT Principles: “Challenges for the Anglophone Countries of Africa” – UNIDROIT scholarship (3 January – 29 February);
- Ms Deniz Defne KIRLI AYDEMİR (Turkey), Ph.D Candidate, Research Assistant, Private International Law Department, Institute of Social Sciences, Marmara University – Research on “Provisional and Protective Measures in International Litigation in the light of the Brussels I Regulation, the UNIDROIT Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure and the Turkish Civil Litigation” – Partial UNIDROIT scholarship (3 February – 30 March);
- Ms Thu Ngan TRUONG (Vietnam), LL.M., Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU), Korea – Research on “A Comparative Study on Close out Netting – The suggestion for the Close-out Netting Enforceability under Vietnamese Law – TLBU scholarship (13 February – 30 March);
- Ms FAN Yina (People’s Republic of China), Official, Foreign Investment Division, Treaty & Law Department, Ministry of Commerce of People’s Republic of China – Research on “An analysis of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts 2010 and the Contract Law of the People’s Republic of China: Comparison & Application” – Grant from the Government of the People’s Republic of China (2 April – 29 May);
- Ms SHANG Min (People’s Republic of China), Principal staff member of the Legal Department, China Securities Regulatory Commission, Government of the People’s Republic of China – Research on “What can China learn from the Geneva Securities Convention” – Grant from the Government of the People’s Republic of China (2 April – 29 May);
- Ms Sharon GATWIRI IRUNGU (Kenya), State Counsel at the State Law Office, Department of Treaties and Agreements – Research on “East African Community: Considerations for a Harmonised Law of Contract” – UNIDROIT scholarship, in co-operation with the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (2 April – 31 May);
- Mr David TINASHE HOFISI (Zimbabwe), LL.M., Loyola University’s John Felice Rome Centre – Research on “Land investment deals and the role of private law – UNIDROIT scholarship (28 May – 16 June);
- Mr Araya KEBEDE (Ethiopia), LL.M., Loyola University’s John Felice Rome Centre – Research on “Land investment deals and the role of private law” – UNIDROIT scholarship (28 May – 30 June);
- Mr Oleksander VYGOVSKYY (Ukraine), Assistant to the Head of Ukraine’s Parliament Committee on Finance and Banking Activities; Assistant Professor, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv – Research on “Intermediated Securities Transactions in Emerging Markets: a Comparative Legal Analysis” – Partial UNIDROIT scholarship (3 September – 26 October);
- Mr José Manuel CANELAS SCHÜTT (Bolivia), Associate practising lawyer – Research on “Contract farming in Bolivia under a comparative law study” – Grant from the US Foundation for International Uniform Law (8 October – 30 November);
- Mr Gashahun LEMESSA FURA (Ethiopia), Dean, Law School, Jimma University – Research on “An appraisal of Agricultural Foreign Direct Investment in Ethiopia: Towards Uniform Investment Contracts” – Grant from the Government of the Netherlands (8 October – 30 November);
- Ms ZHOU Ying (People’s Republic of China), LL.M., Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU) – Research on “Personal incapacity in the sales contract law: a comparative law approach” – TLBU scholarship (1 October – 9 November);
- Mr LI Chao (People’s Republic of China), LL.M., Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU), – Research on “Comparative study of management buy-out financing from the legal perspective” – TLBU scholarship (1 October – 9 November);
- Ms Maria IVANECKA (Slovakia), Ph.D. Student, Faculty of Law, Pavol Jozef Safarik University, Kosice, Slovakia – Research on “The leasing contract” – Partial UNIDROIT scholarship (4 October – 30 November).

Collaborators, interns and researchers

The following persons were welcomed as *independent researchers* in the UNIDROIT Library:

Ms Iacyr de Aguilar Vieira (Brazil); Ms Marina Ilona Aleksandra Kiskonen (Finland); Mr Martin Schauer (Germany); Mr Tibor Tajti (Hungary); Mr Noel Mcgrath (Ireland); Mr Andrea Dalmartello, Ms Maria Sara de Robertis, Mr Piero Rescino, Ms Giuditta Cordero Moss, Ms Ottavia Salvalai (Italy); Ms Salima Sarina (Kazakhstan); Ms Laura Liubertaite, Ms Jovita Stagniunaite (Lithuania); Ms Qian Wu (People's Republic of China); Ms Ekaterina Mukhacheva (Russian Federation); Mr Dusan Marjak (Slovakia); Mr Miguel Checa, Ms Nerea Magallon Elosegui, Mr Jaume Trabal Bosch, Ms Luquin Bergareche, Mr Pablo Martinez-Gijon Machuca (Spain).

The following persons were welcomed as *interns* under an institutional co-operation agreement with UNIDROIT:

- Ms Angélique Depetris, Ms Emilie Ramousse, Ms Alexandra Tetreau – École Nationale de la Magistrature (France)
- Ms Nicoleta Lupea, Mr Cameron Clark – Georgetown University Law Center (USA)
- Ms Caroline Johnson, Ms Brenna Ragghanti – Elon University (USA).

The following persons were welcomed as *interns* in the UNIDROIT Secretariat, in the UNIDROIT Library or to work on the UNILEX data base:

Ms Heather Cochran (*Canada*); Ms Maria Victoria Vazquez (*Colombia*); Ms Thiphaine Guélou, Ms Mathilde Carencio (*France*); Ms Aditi Prasad (*India*); Ms Chiara Giangiulio, Ms Federica Midiri, Ms Francesca Pelosi (*Italy*); Ms Zhupar Kulmaganbetova, Ms Polina Ukibayeva (*Kazakhstan*); Mr Martin Rudzitis (*Latvia*); Mr Saronas Basijokas (*Lithuania*); Ms Ko-En Hsin (*New Zealand*); Ms Charline Hoever (*Suriname / Netherlands*); Ms Australia Alba (*USA / Dominican Republic*).

2011

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2011, donations were received from the Governments of the Netherlands, the People's Republic of China and of the Republic of Korea, the Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU), the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law, as well as from members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council and of the Secretariat on a personal basis; the Legal Co-operation chapter of the UNIDROIT general budget financed a number of part-scholarships supplemented by external sources of funding identified by the researchers themselves – private or public institutions in their countries of origin, or private funds. The funding received is being used for research stays in 2011 or 2012.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

Mr Sergio Javier ZIGELBAUM (Argentina), Professor of Corporate Law and International Commercial Arbitration, Universidad Argentina de la Empresa (UADE) – Research on "Towards a universal system of principles in transactional corporate law" (January – February); joint scholarship from UNIDROIT and UADE;

Ms Marta BOZINA BEROS (Croatia), Ph.D. Candidate, Ljubljana University (Slovenia) / Siena (Italy); Assistant Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, Pula University (Croatia) – Research on "Indirectly held investment securities and the concept of 'legal risk' – developing a legal context for securities markets in Croatia" (March – April); partial grant from the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law;

Mr Ivan MANGATCHEV (Bulgaria), Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, New Bulgarian University, Sofia – Research on "Settlement Finality Systems: the Legal Framework" (September – October); partial grant from the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law;

Ms Roshida WIDYAWATI (Indonesia), Head of the Legal Department, Indonesian Central Securities Depository (ICSD) – Research on "An analysis of cross-border securities transactions" (September – October);

scholarship from the Government of the Netherlands;

Mr Marcio FERRO CATAPANI (Brazil), Federal Judge, Tribunal Regional Federal da 3a Região (Federal Justice of the 3rd District) – Research on “The Development of Securities Markets in Latin America – a Comparative Approach of Market Rules” (September – December); partial grant from the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law;

Ms LAI Jiaying (People’s Republic of China), Master’s Degree of Law (LL.M) Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU), Seoul – Research on “The Retrieval of Chinese Stolen Cultural Objects under an International Law Perspective: an Overview” (5 October – 1 November); TLBU scholarship;

Ms PHAM Tran Yen Anh (Vietnam), Master’s Degree of Law (LL.M), Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU), Seoul – Research on “Termination of contracts under the UNIDROIT Principles 2010 and Vietnamese contract law” (5 October– 11 November); TLBU scholarship;

Ms WANG Qiao (People’s Republic of China), Master’s Degree of Law (LL.M), Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU), Seoul – Research on “The Application of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention and the Protection of Cultural Objects Illegally Exported from other States to China”; grant from the Government of the Republic of Korea;

Ms ZHANG Xian (People’s Republic of China), Master’s Degree of Law (LL.M) *Transnational Law & Business University* (TLBU), Seoul – Research on “Illegality of Contracts: the Approach of the UNIDROIT Principles 2010 and its Legal Developments under Chinese Contract Law”; TLBU scholarship;

Mlle MIAO Qing (People’s Republic of China), Master’s Degree of Law (LL.M) Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU), Seoul – Research on “The investor’s protection under the Geneva Securities Convention” (18 November –23 December); TLBU scholarship;

Ms CHAO Yan (People’s Republic of China), Master’s Degree of Law (LL.M), *Transnational Law & Business University* (TLBU), Seoul – --Research on “Insider Trading Regulation: an Overview of Legal Issues under a Comparative Law Perspective” (1-23 December); TLBU scholarship.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

Mr Karsten Kern (*Germany*) collaborated with the Secretariat’s work on the Netting project from 1 September to 30 November 2011.

The following persons were welcomed as *interns* under an institutional cooperation with UNIDROIT: l’Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature, Ms Louise de Bechillon (*France*) ; Georgetown University Law Center, Ms Lejla Hadzic, Mr Justin Schwegel (*USA*); Canadian Law Program at the University of Ottawa, Ms Mariella Montplaisir (*Canada*)

The following persons were welcomed as *independent researchers* in the UNIDROIT Library: Ms Ana Maria Junqueira de Azevedo (Brazil), Mr Jaime Alcalde Silva (*Chile*), Mr Mauricio Rodriguez Olmos, Mr José

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The following students were welcomed as *independent interns* in the UNIDROIT Secretariat, in the UNIDROIT Secretariat, in the UNIDROIT Library and to work on the UNILEX Database: Ms Sirotsky Scaletscky, Mr Menegol Guarisse (*Brazil*), Ms Stéphanie Belanger, Ms Erika Bergeron-Drolet, Mr Nicholas Charron (*Canada*), Mr Peng Cheng Gao (*People’s Republic of China*), Ms Franziska Knatz, Mr Johann Schacht, Mr

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2010

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2010, donations were received from the *UK Foundation for International Uniform Law*, the *American Foundation for International Uniform Law*, members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council ; the Legal Co-operation chapter of the UNIDROIT general budget financed a number of part-scholarships supplemented by external sources of funding identified by the researchers themselves – private or public institutions in their countries of origin, or private funds. The funding received is being used for research stays in 2010 or 2011.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

- Mr CHI Manjiao (People's Republic of China), Assistant Professor of International Law, Xiamen University of School of Law, Fujian Province – Research on "The Standard for Contract Performance: A comparative study between the Chinese Contract Law and the UNIDROIT Principles (December – January); UNIDROIT scholarship;
- Mr Woo-Jung JON (Republic of Korea), PhD candidate, University of Oxford (United Kingdom) – Research on "Establishing an international registration system for the assignment of receivables" (Jan. – Feb.); UK Foundation for International Uniform Law scholarship;
- Mr MA Mingfei (People's Republic of China), PhD candidate, Wuhan University Law School – Research on "Legal Issues of Cross-border securities" (March – April); UNIDROIT scholarship;
- Ms Margarita Eugenia FABON VICTORINO (Philippines) Associate Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor General, Manila – Research on "The rise of green investors in the Asia-Pacific region – an overview of legal issues" (April – May); scholarship granted by the Government of the Republic of Korea;
- Ms HENG Wan (People's Republic of China), Student of international law, Korea Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU) – Research on "The development of Electronic Commerce and its effect on global trade (April – May); scholarship granted by the Government of the Republic of Korea;
- Ms FAN Yina Jon (People's Republic of China), Student of international law, Korea Transnational Law & Business University (TLBU) – Research on "The UNIDROIT Convention on Substantive Rules for Intermediated Securities" (April – May); scholarship granted by the Government of the Republic of Korea and UNIDROIT;
- Ms LIANG Wen Wen (People's Republic of China), PhD candidate, Manchester University (United Kingdom), Research on "The interaction of the Geneva Securities Convention with National Law Rules : the case of English and Chinese Law" (May – July); scholarship granted by the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law;
- Mr ALATTRASH Amin (Palestine), Professor of commercial law, Arab American University, Jenin – Research on "Convergences of the Palestinian Commercial Law Draft with CISG and the UNIDROIT Principles: Non-conformity of Goods as a Case Study" (1 June – 15 July); UNIDROIT scholarship;
- Mr NESTORUK Igor Bartosz (Poland), Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Poznan – Research on "The Conflict-of-laws Rules on Unfair Competition under Rome II" (July); partial UNIDROIT scholarship;

- Mr OKIRIG Paul (Uganda), State Attorney, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs – Research on “The principle of illegality of contracts: An analysis of Uganda’s Contracts Bill, 2008 in light of UPICC” (1 September – 30 October); UNIDROIT scholarship;
- Ms BASALP Nilgun (Turkey), Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Istanbul Bilgi University, PhD candidate – Research on “Exemption Clauses under UPICC, Principles of European Contract Law and Convention on the International Sale of Goods” (1 September – 30 October); partial UNIDROIT scholarship;
- Ms Anna ZENYAKINA (Russian Federation), PhD student at the Academy for Foreign Trade, Moscow – Research on “Problematic issues of the accession of the Russian Federation to the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Aircraft Protocol” (1 September – 30 October); *UK Foundation for Uniform Law* scholarship;
- Ms OLAY CHEU Alejandra (Mexico), Academic coordinator of Postgraduate Studies, Universidad Anáhuac del Sur - President of Mexican Academy of Comparative and Private Law – Research on: “A Comparative approach to European Corporate Governance Models and its Possible Reception in the Mexican Legal System” (1 September – 30 October); (partial) scholarship from the *UK Foundation for Uniform Law*;
- Ms Vita SLIEDE (Latvia), Head, Division on Private International Law of Civil law department, Ministry of Justice, Riga – Research on “Implementation and practical application of the Cape Town Convention, the Aircraft Protocol and the Rail Protocol: EU competence and particularities of National legislation in Latvia” (1 October – 30 November); UNIDROIT Governing Council scholarship;
- Ms YU Dan (People’s Republic of China); Ph.D. Student in Jilin University and research assistant at the Air Law Research Center, Northwest University of Politics and Law, Xi’an – Research on “The Cape Town Convention system and its application and reference for China” (1 November – 30 December); *American Foundation for International Uniform Law* scholarship;
- Mr LAMICHLANE Buddhi Sagar (Nepal), Assistant Manager, Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal – Research on “The Cape Town Convention System and its application and reference to Nepal” (1 – 30 November); *American Foundation for International Uniform Law* scholarship.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

The following interns contributed to the Secretariat’s work on the UNILAW data base: Ms Eva Schmitt (*Germany*), Ms Roberta Marra (*Italy*).

The subsequent persons undertook their internship on the UNILEX data base: Ms Artemis Malliaropoulou (*Greece*), Ms Olga Layok (*Uzbekistan*), Ms Kelly Culbertson (*USA*), Ms Amanda Powel (*USA*).

The following visitors carried out their internship or personal research in the UNIDROIT Library making use of its documentation during 2010: Mr Sofiane Hadidane (*Algeria*), Ms Jimena Martinez Rojas, Mr Rodolfo Vizcarra (*Argentina*), Mr Martin Loo (*Chile*), Mr Mauricio Rodriguez Olmos (*Colombia*), Ms Charlotte Pieri (*France*), Ms Christine Lindemann (*Germany*), Ms Anilla Takács (*Hungary*), Ms Benedetta Sirgiovanni, Ms Stefania Vernillo, Ms Maria D’Ambrosio, Mr Philipp Fabbio (*Italy*), Mr Abbas Kazemi Najafabadi (*Iran*), Ms Maria Jacobs, Ms Evelien de Kezel (*Netherlands*), Mr Antonio Carneiro Ferreira Leça (*Portugal*), Ms Yulia Bondarenko, Ms Elena Sitkareva (*Russian Federation*), Ms Maria Sobat (*Serbia*), Mr Diego Cruz Rivero, Ms Natalia Mato, Ms Paula Paradela Argean, Ms Josefina Boquera Matarredona, Ms Angeles Cuenca García, Ms Maria Jesus Guerrero Lebron, Mr Juan Manuel Gomez Porrúa, Mr Luis F. Carrillo POZO, Mr Alfredo Batuecas (*Spain*), Mr Michel Heinzmann (*Switzerland*), Mr Dhafer Dridi (*Tunisia*), Ms Canan Yilmaz (*Turkey*), Mr Niall Greene (*United Kingdom*).

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2009, donations were received from the *UK Foundation for International Uniform Law* and the Government of the Republic of Korea, from the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT, and from the members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council. The Legal Co-operation chapter of UNIDROIT's general budget thus part-financed several scholarships, topped up by funds from other sources identified by the researchers themselves – either private or public institutions in the scholars' countries of origin or personal funds. The funds received have been allocated to study periods in 2009 or are earmarked for scholarships to be taken up in 2010.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

Mr Alexis Rodrigo LABORIAS (Argentina), Professor, Universidad Argentina de la Empresa (UADE), Buenos Aires – Research on "Enterprises and Immunity from Enforcement by Foreign States" (March – April); joint UADE/UNIDROIT scholarship;

Mr LONG Weidi (People's Republic of China), PhD Candidate, Wuhan University Law School – Research on: "International Contract Law in the Chinese Context" (May – June); UNIDROIT scholarship;

Mr Serigne Modou DIAKHATE (Senegal), Deputy Director of Civil Affairs and Justice, Justice Ministry, Senegal – Research on: "Civil and commercial aspects of the fight against economic and financial crime with a view to harmonisation within the West African Economic and Monetary Union" (June); UNIDROIT scholarship;

Ms Felicia-Catalina ROSIORU (Roumania), Lawyer; Teaching Assistant and PhD candidate at the Law Faculty, University Babes-Bolyai – Research on: "The impact of depreciation on restitution under private law" (September-October); partial UNIDROIT scholarship;

Ms Basak BASOGLU (Turkey), Teaching Assistant and PhD candidate at the Institute of Social Sciences (private law), Bilgi University, Istanbul – Research on "A comparative study on specific performance under the UNIDROIT Principles, the Principles of European Contract Law and the CISG" (September-October); partial scholarship donated by the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT;

Mr Ghislain BAMUANGAYI (Democratic Republic of Congo), Lawyer (Kinshasa); Masters 2 (in progress) in African Community law (Institute of Community Law, Abidjan – IDC) – Research on: "A comparative study of the application by the courts of European law and OHADA law concerning the transport of ores by road"; (September-October); joint UNIDROIT and ICC scholarship;

Mr CHI Manjiao (People's Republic of China), Assistant Professor of international law, Xiamen University School of Law – Research on: "The Standard for Contract Performance: a Comparative Study between Chinese Contract Law and the UNIDROIT Principles" (December-January 2010); UNIDROIT scholarship.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

Interns contributed to the Secretariat's work on the UNILAW data base (see *infra*, UNILAW Database). The subsequent persons undertook their internship on the UNILEX data base: Ms Miriana Belhadj (France), Mr Nilesh Sinha (India), Mr Paolo Macchi (Italy), Ms Heejeong Cheung (Korea), Ms Maayke Rooijendijk (Netherlands), Mr Filip Balcerzak, Ms Ewelina Wetrzys (Poland), Mr Jack Brecht (USA).

The following visitors will have carried out their internship or personal research in the UNIDROIT Library making use of its documentation during 2009: Dr Bruno Zeller (Australia), Mr Karel Dogue (Benin), Ms Evy Cynthia Marques (Brazil), Mr Alexis Ndzenkeu (Cameroon), Mr Zdeněk Nový (Czech Republic), Ms Agnes Pillet-Claude, Ms Margot Chabannes (France), Ms Miriam Parmentier (Germany), Mr Peter Buzas (Hungary), Ms Celia Fassberg (Israel), Ms Monica Di Monte, Mr Giuseppe Mazziotti, Ms Roberta Marra, Ms Chiara Marengi, Ms Enrica Adamo (Italy), Mr Brian Ikol Adungo, Ms Cynthia Olotch (Kenya), Ms Laura Liubertaite (Lithuania), Mr Luis Antonio Carneiro Ferreira Leça (Portugal), Mr Vsevolod Baibak, Mr Andrey Medvedev, Ms Yulia Gruzdeva (Russian Federation), Ms Daria Tolkachova, Ms Dana Durechova (Slovakia), Ms Rosa Isern Salvat, Ms Blanca Torrubia, Ms Aura Esther Vilalta Nicuesa, Mr Jaume Marti Miravalls (Spain), Mr Kaspar R. Lang, Dr Michel Heinzmann (Switzerland), Mr Mert Elcin (Turkey), Ms Lauren Silver (USA), Mr Le Ngoc Thang (Viet Nam), Ms Syrine Ayadi (Tunisia).

2008

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2008, 16 researchers were hosted by the Institute in accordance with the decision taken by the Scholarships Sub-committee of the Governing Council at its 2006 and 2007 sessions. These grants were financed by donations from the *UK Foundation for International Uniform Law*, by the Government of the Republic of Korea, by a personal grant from the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT, and by a grant offered collectively by the members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, while several scholarships were part-funded under the Legal Co-operation chapter of UNIDROIT's general budget topped up by sources identified by the researchers themselves – either private or public institutions in the scholars' countries of origin or private funds.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

Mr Dhafer DRIDI (Tunisia), *doctorant* at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tunis; research on "The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and judicial practice" (December-January); partial grant from the UNIDROIT Scholarship Fund;

Mr CHEN Bin (People's Rep. of China), *doctorant* at the University of Wuhan; research on "Achievements and Problems of Margin Financing and Stock Lending Services in the Chinese Capital Market" (January-February); grant from the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law;

Mr XINYA Shi (People's Rep. of China), Attorney at Law (Beijing); research on "The ALI-UNIDROIT Principles and Rules of Transnational Civil Procedure and Chinese Civil Procedure: A Comparative Study" (January-February); grant from the Government of the Republic of Korea;

Mr Mushegh MANUKIAN (Armenia), PhD. Candidate, Law Faculty, Russian State University, Moscow – Research on "The Legal Nature of Transnational Corporations in International Private Law" (February-March); partial UNIDROIT scholarship;

Ms Regina PALKOVA (Slovakia), PhD. Candidate, Pavol Jozef Safarik University, Košice – Research on "The Slovak Law of Contract in the International Environment (with a special focus on the arbitration agreement)" (April-May); partial UNIDROIT scholarship;

Mr ZHANG Xuesong (People's Republic of China), Official, Financial & Economy Committee, National People's Congress, People's Republic of China – Research on "The future UNIDROIT Model Law on Leasing" (May-June); UNIDROIT scholarship;

Mr Andrey RODIONOV (Russian Federation), Ph.D. Student, Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Federation, Institute of Contemporary International Studies, Comparative Law Department – Research on "The Procedure in International Arbitration Proceedings in German-speaking and English-speaking Countries: a Comparative View" (June-July); grant made by the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT;

Ms Inés DE SAN MARTIN (Argentina), Attorney-at-Law, Lecturer, Universidad de Buenos Aires – Research on "The ALI/UNIDROIT Principles on Transnational Civil Procedure ("UPTCP") as a model for reform on international litigation and arbitration (June-August); UNIDROIT scholarship;

Mr Achille NGWANZA (Cameroon), PhD Student (Paris XI), ATER (Paris XIII) – Research on "The protection of an international contract: *favor contractus* in the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts" (June-July); partial UNIDROIT scholarship;

Ms Rezarte VUKATA (Albania), Associate Lawyer, Tirana – Research on "Cross-border securities transactions in Albania and in a comparative law perspective" (July, September-October); grant made by the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law;

- Ms Pélagie GOUËM (Burkina Faso), DEA Student, University of Ouagadougou – Research on “The innovations of the draft OHADA Uniform Act on contract law” (September-October); grant made by the members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council;
- Mr Emile BILÉ KANGAH (Côte d’Ivoire), DESS Student, Institut de Droit Communautaire, Abidjan – Research on “The impact of the UNIDROIT Principles on the reform of the law of obligations in the OHADA States” (November-December); UNIDROIT scholarship;
- Mr Roland DJIEUFACK (Cameroon), PhD Student, University of Dschang, Assistant and Visiting Lecturer, Visiting Lecturer at the University of Buea, Cameroon – Research on “The Protection of Buyers of Goods in Cameroon” (November-December); partial UNIDROIT scholarship;
- Mr Yroslav ZEMILYACHENKO (Russian Federation), Senior Lecturer, Private Law Department, Russian Academy for Foreign Trade, Moscow – Research on “Product liability under a Comparative Law Perspective” (November-December); partial UNIDROIT scholarship;
- Ms Sevinj ABDULLAYEVA (Azerbaijan), Masters Student, University of Ankara (Turkey) – Research on “Modernising the Legal Framework for Leasing Transactions in Azerbaijan with reference to the UNIDROIT Model Law on Leasing (October-December)”; grant made by the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law;
- Mr Brian IKOL ADUNGO (Kenya), LL.M. University of Manchester (United Kingdom), State Counsel, Office of the Attorney-General, Kenya – Research on “The Harmonisation of Private Law and its relevance for Kenya (Nov.-Dec.)”; UNIDROIT scholarship.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

Ms Miriam Parmentier of the office of the General Counsel of Deutsche Bank AG, Frankfurt/M (Germany) was seconded to UNIDROIT in August 2008 during which time she participated in the work of the Capital markets project. She also attended the diplomatic Conference on Intermediated Securities held in Geneva from 1 to 12 September 2008.

In the course of 2008, the following interns contributed to the Secretariat’s work on the UNILAW data base: Ms Patricia Denise Labal (Argentina), Mr Laurent Ramette (France), Ms Helene Jaschinski and Mr Philipp Küster (Germany) and Ms Estela Pereira Arroyo (Spain).

The following persons undertook their internship on the UNILEX data base: Mr Josh Ingram (Canada), Ms Anne Kit Yin Wong (Malaysia), Ms Johanna Hoekstra (the Netherlands), Mr Jan Pawlak (Poland), Ms Barbara Sofia Cagigal Alves (Portugal), Ms Estela Pereira Arroyo (Spain), Mr Zachary Christensen, Ms Sunika Pawar, and Mr Boris Babic (United States of America).

The following visitors carried out their internship or personal research in the UNIDROIT Library making use of its documentation during 2008: Ms An Tampere, Mr Simon De Smet (Belgium), Mr Paul Etienne Laliberté-Tipple (Canada), Mr Lu Junfang (China), Mr Jiri Valdhans, Mr Martin Orgonik (Czech Republic), Mr Mari Kalpio (Finland), Mr Wolfgang Oehler, Mr Anton Zoodo Geier (Germany), Mr Chetan Tripathy (India), Ms Maria Chiara Baldaccini (Italy), Mr Ikumi Sato (Japan), Mr Paulius Jurcys (Lithuania), Mr Nikolay Eliseev (Russian Federation), Mr Alfredo Batuecas Caletrio, Mr Angeles Cuenca Garcia, Mr German de Castro Vitores (Spain), Mr Gino Lohri (Switzerland), Mr Rafik Nzaiem, Ms Najla Mestiri (Tunisia), Ms Lauren Fae Silver (United States of America) and Mr Gerardo Javier Ulloa Bellorin (Venezuela).

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2007, 12 researchers were hosted by the Institute in accordance with the decision taken by the Scholarships Sub-committee of the Governing Council at its 2006 and 2007 sessions. Some of these scholarships were financed thanks to the generosity of the Governments of the Republic of Korea and of the People's Republic of China, of the Spanish Government (*Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional*), by a personal grant from the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT, and by a grant offered by the members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, and by the *UK Foundation for International Uniform Law*, while the Legal Co-operation chapter of UNIDROIT's general budget part-funded a number of grants, which were then topped up by sources identified by the researchers themselves – private or public institutions in the scholars' countries of origin or from private funds.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

Mr SHENG Gao (People's Republic of China), PhD., Associate Professor, School of Humanities and Law, Shandong University of Science and Technology, People's Republic of China; research on "The International Protection of Cultural Property" (January-February); scholarship funded by the Korean Government;

Mr WEI Xie (People's Republic of China), Legal official, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Commerce; research on "The Uniform Law of the International Carriage of Goods by Sea" (January-February); scholarship funded by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

Mr José Pedro DE ANDRADE BARROSO (Mozambique), Senior Legal Counsel, Southern African Development Community (SADC); Feb.; study period at UNIDROIT (Rome) on the 2001 Cape Town Convention and Aircraft Protocol and participation in the Luxembourg diplomatic Conference (12-23 February 2007); scholarship funded by the Spanish Government;

Mr Subianta MANDALA (Indonesia), Head of Bilateral Economic Co-operation, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Indonesia; research on "The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts as a Reference for Modernising Indonesian Contract Law" (February-April); scholarship funded by the Korean Government;

Mr Sherif El Farouk Omar EL SAADANI (Egypt), Lawyer, PhD student at the University of Cairo; research on "The Impact of CISG and the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts in the New Egyptian Commercial Code" (June-July); scholarship financed by the Spanish Government;

Mr Taimur ALTAF MALIK (Pakistan), Associate Researcher, Research Society of International Law; research on "Gross Disparity in International Commercial Contracts" (June-July); scholarship funded by the Spanish Government;

Ms Carmen GONZÁLEZ PEDROUZO (Uruguay), Public Notary, Official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; research on "International Contracts in an Electronic Environment" (June-July); scholarship funded by the Spanish Government;

Ms Maria Antonia GWYNN (Paraguay), Lawyer; Research on "The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and the Legislation of the MERCOSUR Founding Country Members – A Comparative Overview" (June-July); partial scholarship funded by the UNIDROIT Scholarships Fund;

Mr Nikola BACKOVIC (Serbia), Third-cycle student, *European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) Postgraduate School in International Business Law*, research on "Leasing – Comparative and International Law Aspects" (September– November); scholarship funded by the *UK Foundation for International Uniform Law*;

Mr Reginald KARAWUSA (Nigeria), research on "Harmonization of Capital Market Laws in Africa" (September– October); partial scholarship funded by the UNIDROIT Scholarships Fund;

Mr Martin LOO (Chile), attorney-at-law, research on "Illegality of Contracts as a New Subject Matter of the UNIDROIT Principles" (September– October); partial grant funded by the UNIDROIT Scholarships Fund;

Mr Olusesan OLIYIDE (Nigeria), Professor, Department of Business and Industrial Law, Faculty of Law, OLABISI Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State, Nigeria; research on "Desirability of Integrated Banking

Regulation in West Africa" (September– October); scholarship funded by the members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

The Secretariat was able in 2007 (until 30 April) to count on the assistance by Ms Claire Baradat, *volontaire internationale*, seconded by the French Government.

Ms Miriam Parmentier of the office of the General Counsel of Deutsche Bank AG, Frankfurt/M (Germany) was seconded to UNIDROIT from 10 September to 31 October 2007. She provided valuable assistance in the Secretariat's work on the draft Convention on Intermediated Securities. Ms Nina Gerhardt (Germany) also contributed a research paper on certain issues regarding registered shares and voting rights. Ms Aurelia Piacitelli assisted with the French documents.

The following interns contributed to the Secretariat's work on the UNILAW data base (see *infra*): Mr Francesco Chiattelli (Italy), Ms Anja Hauth (Germany), Ms Estela Pereira Arroyo (Spain), Mr Laurent Ramette (France), Mr Alexander Wulf (Germany).

The following visitors carried out their internship or personal research in the UNIDROIT Library making use of its documentation during 2007: Rozlene Morsli (*Algeria*), Simon Laimer (*Austria*), Mariana Mazzeiro Mourao (*Brazil*), Selena Rechnic (*England*), Farah El-Bsat (*France*), Christoph Niemeyer, Jutta List, Maja Klahn, (*Germany*), Edina Noémi Molnar (*Hungary*), Pall Sigurdsson (*Iceland*), Uma Aunachalam (*India*), Cristina Saveri, Maria Chiara Baldaccini (*Italy*), Takashi Kubota (*Japan*), Hwang In Jun, Hyungdong Yeo (*Korea*), Renata Cibulskiene (*Lithuania*), Michael Flamme (*Netherlands*), Lu Junfang (*People's Republic of China*), Elzbieta Rablin (*Poland*), David Guerra Bonifacio (*Portugal*), Elena Kabatova, Andrey Lobatova (*Russian Federation*), Maria Dolores Sánchez Galera, Germán de Castro, Ivan Heredia Cervantes, Marta Garcia Mandaloníz, Alfredo Batuecas, Jaime Marti Miravalls (*Spain*), Lydia Tomitova, John George, Natalia Roban (*USA*), Eduardo Cáceres and Gerardo Javier Ulloa Bellorin (*Venezuela*).

2006

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2006, 14 researchers were hosted by the Institute in accordance with the decision taken by the Scholarships Sub-committee of the Governing Council at its sessions in 2005 and 2006. Funding for these scholarships was provided by the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of Italy, by a personal grant from the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT, while the UNIDROIT General Budget was able to provide partial funding for other grants supplemented by donations from other sources identified by the beneficiaries themselves. Some researchers received a full grant from private or public institutions in their country of origin or contributed through personal funds.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

Mr Mustapha EL BITR (Morocco), Ph.D. Student, University Mohammed V – Agdal, Faculty of Legal, Economic and Social Sciences, Rabat, February/March: "The international trade contract – legal order and contractual practice";

Ms Syrine AYADI (Tunisia), Student, Faculty of Law, University "Tunis 2", February/March: "Implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mechanisms in Cross-Border Merger - An International and Comparative Overview";

Mr Nabil FERJANI (Tunisia), Ph.D. Student, Universities of Lyon and Perpignan (France), February/March: "The State judge and the international contracts towards the harmonisation of solutions in Franco-Tunisian international private law";

- Ms Silviya TSONEVA (Bulgaria), Ph.D. Student, Senior Assistant, Legal Department, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, March/April: "Investment Securities";
- Ms XIAONIAN Li, Associate legal researcher, Law Faculty, Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai (People's Republic of China), April/May: "Harmonisation of Legal Rules Governing Transport Documents". Supported by a scholarship granted by the Government of the Republic of Korea;
- Ms Veronica RUIZ ABOU-NIGM, Adjunct Professor of Private International Law, Universidad Católica del Uruguay (U.C.U.D.A.L.), April/May: "Arrest of Ships in Private International Law – A Comparative Analysis of English and Scots Law";
- Mr Platon GURYANOV, Expert at the Legal Department of the Ministry of Economic Development & Trade of the Russian Federation, June/July: "Perspectives of implementation of unified civil procedure rules in the work of international commercial arbitration". Supported by a scholarship granted by the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT;
- Mr Joseph-Alain BATOUAN BOUYOM (Cameroon), Ph.D. student of private law (Universities of Nantes (France) and Yaoundé II–Soa (Cameroon)) – Teaching Assistant at the University of Yaoundé II–Soa, Associate Researcher at the Centre de Droit Maritime et Océanique of Nantes University (CDMO), June/July: "Carriage of goods by road (OHADA law)";
- Ms Johanna JEMIELNIAK (Poland), Assistant Professor at the Leon Kozminski Academy of Entrepreneurship and Management (LKAEM), Warsaw, Fulbright Fellow working at Harvard University, conducting research on: "The *lex mercatoria* argumentative and interpretive strategies". (June/July) Self-supporting scholar;
- Ms Sylvie Ivonne BEBOHI EBONGO (Cameroon), Ph.D. student on Private International Law at the University Nancy 2 (France), beneficiary of a joint programme with the International Trade Law Post-Graduate Course (University Institute of European Studies) – Torino, 30 March to 23 June 2006, and a research period at UNIDROIT (July/September) with a grant from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: "La circulation internationale des sentences arbitrales - l'OHADA comme modèle";
- Mr Luis Fernando CASTILLO ARGANARAS (Argentina), Professor of Public International Law at the Universidad Argentina de la Empresa (UADE), Buenos Aires, October/November: "International Space Contracts and Protection of Investments in Mercosur". Joint scholarship UADE/UNIDROIT;
- Mr Dmitry MAZEIN (Russian Federation), Lecturer, Institute of State and Law under the Russian Academy of Science, Moscow, October/December: "Implementation of the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects into the Legal System of the Russian Federation";
- Mr Mehmet Can EKZEN (Turkey), Ph.D. student at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva, October/November: "Les titres intermédiés selon le droit turc et au regard des travaux d'UNIDROIT";
- Ms Svetlana KARPUSHINA (Belarus), Second Secretary, Multilateral Treaties Division, General Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus, October/December: "Theoretical and Practical Aspects of the Participation of the Republic of Belarus in the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects";
- Mr Guillermo CABALLERO GERMAN (Chile), Ph.D. student at the Law Faculty of the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, October/November: "The Acquisition of Intermediated Securities and the and the Protection of the a *non domino* Purchaser".

Collaborators, interns and researchers

The following people used the UNIDROIT Library resources in 2006 for varying periods of time: under the cooperation agreement signed between UNIDROIT and the University of Montpellier III, Ms Zehir Taklit and Ms Héléne Du (*France*) undertook a two-month internship participating in the preparation of the UNIDROIT Library Catalogue.

The following visitors carried out their internship or personal research in the UNIDROIT Library making use of its documentation during 2006:

Ms Georgina Coleman (*Australia*), Mr Joao André Pinto Diaz Lima (*Brazil*), Ms Kinga Grudzinski (*Canada*), Ms Elisa Botero (*Colombia*), Mr Florian Grisel, Ms Christel Adamou (*France*), Ms Kerstin Asmuss, Mr Timmy Quasem, Mr Cristoph Paulus (*Germany*), Mr Pavlos Petrovos (*Greece*), Ms Judit Szoke, Mr Milan Dakic (*Hungary*), Mr Haim Zanberg (*Israel*), Mr Gakuro Himeno, Mr Makoto Hizume, Mr Motoaki Tazawa (*Japan*), Mr Emmanuele Cimiotta, Ms Alberta Fabbricotti (*Italy*), Ms Ieva Kukarenaite (*Luxembourg*), Mr Kåre Lilleholt (*Norway*), Mr Nuño Manuel Castello-Branco Bastos (*Portugal*), Ms Maria Filantova (*Russia*), Mr Jernej Valic (*Slovenia*), Ms Rosario Espinosa Calabuig, Ms Teresa Rodriguez de las Heras Ballell, Mr Antonio Galvez, Mr Javier Pastor Vita, Ms Jolanda Garcia, Ms Gloria Esteban, Mr Juan Pablo Aparicio Vaquero, Mr Alfredo Batuecas Caletrio, Juan Simon Mulero Garcia (*Spain*), Mr Kateryna Trukhanova (*Ukraine*), Mr Mateo Goldman (*USA*), Mr David J. Den Herder (*USA*), Mr Michael Graziano (*USA*).

2005

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2005, 15 researchers were hosted by the Institute in accordance with the decision taken by the Scholarships Sub-committee of the Governing Council (83rd session, Rome, 19-21 May 2004 and 84th session, Rome, 18-20 April 2005). Some of these scholarships were financed thanks to the generosity of the Government of the Republic of Korea, while the UNIDROIT General Budget was able to provide partial funding for other grants supplemented by donations from other sources identified by the beneficiaries themselves. Some researchers received a full grant from private or public institutions in their country of origin or from private donors, as well as from the Government of the People's Republic of China (MOFTEC).

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

- Ms Carolina HARRINGTON (Argentina), Faculty of Law, University of Cordoba ; Lawyer, Court of Appeals, Cordoba (January-February), "UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts as an instrument to establish general regulatory guidelines";
- Mr Hichem BEN AYED (Tunisia), Magistrate, Court of First Instance, Sidi Bouzid (February): "Leasing regulations in Tunisia and in international and comparative law";
- Ms Tamara MILENKOVIC-KERKOVIC (Serbia & Montenegro), Assistance Professor; Faculty of Economic Science, University of Nish (February/March), 1. "Enacting Franchising Disclosure Law in Serbia" – 2. "Promotion of Countertrade in Serbia";
- Mr Bassem AWAD (Egypt), First Deputy Prosecutor, Ministry of Justice (March/April) : "Patents: a Boost to Technological Innovation in Egypt";
- Ms Anayansy ROJAS CHAN (Costa Rica), Lecturer, University of Costa Rica; Legal Counsellor, Banco Cuscatlan de Costa Rica (May/June) 1. Systems for the Direct and Indirect Holding of Securities" 2. "Applying the good faith principle in indirect securities holding systems" 3. The deposit of securities with regard to the immobilisation and dematerialisation of securities";
- Ms Viorica LATICHEVCHI (Moldavia), Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Independent International University of Moldavia (ULIM) (May/June) "Pre-contractual disclosure in franchising : international and comparative law aspects";
- Mr Felix ONANA ETOUNDI (Cameroon), Magistrate; Legal Expert at CCJA / OHADA, Professor at the Catholic University of West Africa and at the *Ecole Supérieure Internationale de Droit d'Abidjan* (E.S.I.D) (August/September) "The UNIDROIT Principles and legal certainty of commercial transactions in the preliminary draft OHADA uniform act on contract law";
- Ms Syrine AYADI (Tunisia), *Magistère* Student - Faculty of Legal Science, University of "Tunis 2" (September) "Implementation of international ADR mechanisms in cross-border mergers - Tunisian, international and American Legal Perspectives";
- Ms Sylvie Ivonne BEBOHI EBONGO (Cameroon), PhD Student, University of Yaoundé (September/October), "Enforcement of arbitral decisions under the CIRDI and OHADA systems";
- Ms Tatyana GABDULLINA (Russia), LLM, Russian School of Private Law – Research Centre of Private Law; Moscow (September/October) "State Contracts with Foreign Private Enterprises";
- Mr Alejandro VOGELMAN (Argentina), Barrister, Lecturer at the University of Buenos Aires (September/November) "Party Autonomy in International Commercial Contracts: Applicability and Enforceability of International Private Law Rules";
- Mr Hakan ACAR (Azerbaijan/Turkey), Vice-Rector, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Qafqaz, with funding from the Government of Korea (October/December) "1 - Passing of Risks in International Sales: A Comparison with Turkish Law; 2 - Promotion de *lex mercatoria* in Azerbaijan";
- Mr Phomma INTHANAM (Lao People's Dem. Rep.), Legal Service of the Prime Minister, Vientiane, with funding from the Korean Government (November/December), together with the International Trade Centre

(WTO/UNCTAD), "International Uniform Law Treaties and their Application in the Lao People's Democratic Republic with particular reference to the World Trade Organization Instruments";

Mr Dhafer DRIDI (Tunisia), LLM, Faculty of Law and Political Science of Tunis (November), "L'exequatur in Tunisia of foreign judiciary rulings".

Collaborators, interns and researchers

As in the past years in accordance with the French Government, Ms Perrine Daubas (France) was seconded to the Secretariat as a voluntary as of March 2004 until September 2005 and succeeded by Ms Claire Baradat in October 2005.

On the basis of a ongoing agreement between UNIDROIT the Ecole du Barreau du Québec, Ms Jessica Peterkin (Canada) concluded her six-month internship on 31 March 2005 during which she was seconded to the Secretariat. Mr Firas Tebbo (Lebanon), spent a five-month internship within the Georgetown University International Internship Programme in which UNIDROIT takes part.

Under the cooperation agreement signed between UNIDROIT and the University of Montpellier III, Ms Brigitte Dalmasso, Ms Petia Vassileva and Mr Raoult Andriamaro Raelison (France) undertook a two month internship participating in the preparation of the UNIDROIT Library Catalogue.

The following persons carried out their internship or personal research making use of the documentation of the UNIDROIT Library during 2005:

Mr Juan Ignacio Perez Curci (*Argentina*), Ms Julia Ecker, Mr Konstantin Hoebel and Ms Gabriele Koziol (*Austria*), Mr Paul Bruyère (*Belgium*), Mr Fialho de Oliveira (*Brazil*), Mr Javier Diaz and Mr Hector Loyola (*Chile*), Mr Xue Jun, Ms Zhang Hong, Ms Lu Zhang, Ms Vivian X. Ouyang, Ms Jiamei Cui and Ms Yiyan Yang (*Peoples' Republic of China*), Mr Petri Keskitalo and Mr Teemu Veijola (*Finland*), Ms Claire Baradat, Ms Anna Benelli, Mr Jean-Christophe Billou, Mr Luigi Bruno and Ms Agnès Pillet-Claude (*France*), Ms Stefanie Blisterfeld, Ms Anne Hausmann, Mr Markus Heuschmann, Mr Thomas von Hippel, Mr Bertram Keller, Mr Vincent Mayr, Mr Philipp Niggel and Mr Christoph Paulus (*Germany*), Ms Petra Kovacs and Ms Eszter Horvath (*Hungary*), Mr Emanuele Cimiotta and Ms Marina Salvemini (*Italy*), Ms Mari Nagata (*Japan*), Mr Alfonso Calvo and Mr Carlos Gabuardi (*Mexico*), Mr Matthias Haentjes and Mr André Noort (*Netherlands*), Mr Kare Lilleholt (*Norway*), Mr Nuno Castello Branco Bastos (*Portugal*), Mr Juan Pablo Aparicio Vaquero, Mr Alfredo Batuecas Caletrio, Ms Irene Blazquez Rodriguez, Ms Rosario Espinosa Calabuig and Ms Ester Muñoz (*Spain*), Ms Aype Nil Ada and Ms Banu Ozyalcin (*Turkey*), Mr Vandad Khosravirad and Ms Joy Chen (*United States of America*).

2004

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2004, 15 researchers were hosted by the Institute in accordance with the decision taken by the Scholarships Sub-committee of the Governing Council (83rd session, Rome, 19-21 May 2004), with the financial support of the following sponsors: Government of the Republic of Korea, and Government of the People's Republic of China (MOFTEC). Several scholars secured (part) funding directly, from other sources.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

Mr Constantin BENCLINOV (Romania), Attorney at Law, Benclinov & Associates (Bucharest); (January/February); Research on: "International Commercial Contracts – Formation (*Culpa in contrahendo*) and Hardship";

- Mr CUI Shufeng, Official, Department of Treaty and Law, MOFCOM (Beijing); (February/April); Research on: "Competition Law: Overview of International and Comparative Law Aspects from a Chinese Perspective";
- Mr ZHANG Gu, Associate Professor, Beijing University; (February/April); Research Topic : "Assignment of Rights: Overview of International and Comparative Law Aspects from a Chinese Perspective";
- Mr HAN Liyu, Associate Professor, Renmin University, Beijing; (February/April); Research on: "Franchising: Overview of International and Comparative Law Aspects under a Chinese Perspective";
- Mr ZHANG ShaoHui (People's Republic of China), PhD Student, Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve, (Belgium); (February/March); Research on: "International Commercial Contracts (CISG and UNIDROIT Principles)";
- Mr Yuriy TUKTAROV (Russian Federation), Ph.D. Researcher, Institute for Legislation and Comparative Law under the Government of the Russian Federation (Moscow); (March/April) Research on: "Transfer of Ownership in Moveables: Comparative Law Aspects";
- Mr Majid POUR-OSTAD (Iran), Lecturer, civil commercial litigation, Azad University, Attorney at Law (Tehran); (April/May); Research on: "Transnational Civil Procedure".
- Mr Kamal ALLIOUI (Morocco), Attorney at Law, Professor at the Law Faculty – Rabat Souissi; (April); Research on: "The International Commercial Contract of Technology Transfer";
- Mr Syed Ghulam Murdoza RIZVI (India), Deputy Chief Legal Adviser, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation; (April/May); Research on: "UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts & Settlement of Disputes in the Oil & Gas Agreements";
- Mr Rodolfo HUSSONMOREL (Argentina), Professor, Universidad Argentina de la Empresa, Buenos Aires; (April/May); Research on: "Security Interests in Mobile Equipment";
- Mr Yakdhane HABIB (Tunisia), Department of the Government Legal Counsellor, Prime Minister's Office, Tunis; (September/October); Research on: "Private Financing of Public Infrastructures";
- Ms Binh TA THANH (Vietnam), Legal Official, Securities Market Development Department; Ministry of Finance, Hanoi; (October/December); Research on: "Improvement of the Legal Framework for Vietnam's Capital Market";
- Mr Quang Anh NGUYEN (Vietnam), Legal Official, Department of International Law and Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hanoi; (October/December); Research on: "The Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of other States";
- Mr Valery Fedchuk (Russia), Associate Professor, Private Law Department of the All-Russia Academy of Foreign Trade, Moscow; (November); Research on: "Company Law";
- Mr Zock ATARA À NGONN Joseph (Cameroon), Legal Adviser, Legal Department, Ministry of Finance & Budget, Yaoundé; (November/December); Research on: "The International Contracts of Cameroon".

Collaborators, interns and researchers

As in the past years in accordance with the French Government, Ms Perrine Daubas (France) was seconded to the Secretariat as a "volontaire international" as of March 2004 until February 2005.

Ms Alexandrine Pantz (France) was seconded to the UNIDROIT Secretariat for a period of seven months (November 2003 - March 2004), during which she also continued her research on the UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts in the UNIDROIT library.

On the basis of an ongoing agreement between UNIDROIT and the Ecole du Barreau du Québec, Ms Jessica Peterkin (Canada) was assigned for a six-month internship and seconded to the Secretariat. Ms Charlotta Jull (lawyer, Canada) terminated her seven-month internship in July 2004 and Mr Christian Schindler (lawyer, Germany) terminated his four-month internship in October 2004.

Ms Hernany Veytia (Mexico) collaborated in the translation into Spanish of the UNIDROIT Principles for International Commercial Contracts.

The following persons carried out their internship or personal research making use of the documentation of the UNIDROIT Library during 2004: Mr Luis Anguita (Spain), Ms Mireli Bareto (Brazil), Ms Manila Barlettano (Italy), Mr Jean-Christophe Billou (France), Mr Luis Francisco Carrillo (Spain), Ms Marika de Wit (Netherlands), Mr Marco Di Matteo (Italy), Ms Rosario Espinoza (Spain), Ms Luisa Feitosa (Brazil), Mr Marc Harremann (Netherlands), Mr Albert Henke (Italy), Mr Alexander Kitanoff (Germany), Ms Johanna Konopinska (Germany), Ms Patricia Orejudo (Spain), Mr David Paulus (Germany), Mr Klaus Pfeiffer (Germany), Mr Yann Predali (France), Mr Joaquin Rams (Spain), Ms Lorena Sales (Spain), Mr Thomas Schmid (Austria), Ms Valentina Tamburello (Italy), Ms Ulrike Teichert (Germany), Ms Burcu Tuczu (Turkey) and Mr Bart Volders (Belgium).

2003

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2003, nine researchers were hosted by the Institute in accordance with the decision taken by the Scholarships Sub-committee of the Governing Council (82nd session, Rome, 26-28 May 2003), with the support of the following sponsors: Aviation Working Group, Government of the Republic of Korea, and Government of the People's Republic of China (MOFTEC). Several scholars whose research periods are chargeable to the 2003 budgetary year – for practical reasons and due to the scholars themselves – will in actual fact conduct their research in early 2004.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

- Ms Yeşim M. ATAMER (Turkey), Assistant Professor, Law Faculty, Bilgi University of Istanbul, Ph.D. researcher – Research period: June-July – Research on: "The Obligations of the Seller and the Results of Breach of Contract in the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) Compared to Turkish Sales Law";
- Mr Phaza BUTALE (Botswana), State Counsel, General Division, Attorney General's Chambers (Gaborone) – Research period: February/March – Research on: "Developing a Harmonised Legal Framework for International Trade – The Activity of UNIDROIT – Funding: UNIDROIT";
- Ms Noelia CORNEJO MALPARTIDA (Peru), Attorney-at-Law, LL.M. Student (Stockholm), Research period: July – Research on: "The UNIDROIT Convention on International Financial Leasing: its potential benefits for small and medium size enterprises – Comparative law study";
- Ms Hong Doan NHUNG (Vietnam), Lecturer, Law Faculty, University of Hanoi – Research period: October-November – Research on: "Some legal aspects of financial leasing, international experiences and the Vietnamese perspective" – Funding: Government of the Republic of Korea;
- Ms Khandsuren KHUU (Mongolia), Officer, Legal Policy Dep., Ministry of Justice and Home Affairs of Mongolia – Research period: October-November – Research on: "Protection of Cultural Property under Copyright Legislation – International Law Aspects" – Funding: Government of the People's Republic of China / UNIDROIT;
- Ms Magdalena PETRIC (Slovenia), Legal Adviser, Cultural Heritage Administration, Ministry of Culture, Ljubljana – Research period: October-November – Research on: "Restitution of cultural property from public & private international law aspects" – Funding: UNIDROIT;
- Ms Judit SCHNABEL (Hungary), Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest; Research period: October-December – Research on: "The UNIDROIT Principles and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods" – Funding: *ad personam* Government of Italy;

Mr Andrius SMALIUKAS (Lithuania), Attorney at Law, (Vilnius), Ph.D. Candidate, Vilnius University, Research period: February/March – Research on: "Harmonisation of the Law Governing Security over Movable Property: The Cape Town Convention and Aircraft Equipment Protocol" Funding: Aircraft Working Group;

Ms Lawan THANADSILLAPAKUL (Thailand), Head of Dep. Int. Law, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University – Research period: October-November – Research on: "Harmonisation/Unification of ASEAN Competition Laws & Policy & Economic Integration in ASEAN" – Funding: Government of the Republic of Korea.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

Ms H  l  ne Bremeau was seconded to the Secretariat in March 2003 for a six-month period by the French Government.

Ms Charlotta Jull (lawyer, Canada), Mr Thomas Keijser (Netherlands), Mr Ralph Mercedat (Canada – seven-month internship for the *  cole du Barreau de Qu  bec*), Mr Joseph Nivaro (Denmark) and Ms Alexandrine Pantz (France – six-month internship) were seconded to the Secretariat in 2003.

The following persons made use of the UNIDROIT Library facilities for periods of some length in 2003: Ms Elisabeth Alkofer (Germany), Ms Chiara Alberti (Spain), Mr Massimo Baldini (Italy), Ms Angela Crisci (Italy), Ms Rosario Espinoza Calabuig (Spain), Mr Antonio Galvez (Spain), Mr Marc M.K. Harreman (Netherlands), Mr Michel Heinzmann (Switzerland), Mr Albert Henke (Italy), Ms Viola Heutger (Germany), Ms Virginie Hollanders (France), Mr Rafael Lara Gonzalez (Spain), Mr Thomas Keijser (Netherlands), Ms Petra Kovacs (Hungary), Ms Sonia Kruisinger (Netherlands), Ms Patricia Lemaire (Belgium) Mr Javier Lete Achirica (Spain), Ms Maria Luisa Moreno Torres (Spain), Ms Irma Mosquera Varderrama (Colombia), Mr Francisco Mr Joseph Nivaro (Denmark), Javier Pastor Vita (Spain), Ms Kezia Pellinighelli (Italy), Ms Maria Luiza Pereira de Alencar Mayer Feitosa (Brazil), Mr Roberto Perez Salom (Spain), Ms Petra Pozsgai (Hungary), Mr Juan Luis Pulido (Spain), Mr Hannes Roesler (Germany), Ms Francesca Romano (Italy), Mr Juan Ignacio Ruiz Periz (Spain), Mr Jos   Manuel S  nchez Felipe (Spain), Ms Ulrike Teichert (Germany), Mr Urs Verweyen (Germany).

2002

Research Scholarships Programme

In 2002, sixteen researchers were hosted by the Institute in accordance with the decision taken by the Scholarships Sub-committee of the Governing Council at its meeting in 2001 and with the support of the following sponsors: Government of France, Government of the Republic of Korea, Government of Finland and Government of the People's Republic of China, as well as a contribution from the UNIDROIT general budget.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

Mr Andras MOGYORO (Hungary), Ph.D. Student, ELTE University of Sciences, School of Law, Budapest; Student Central European University, Budapest – Research period: 5 February – 31 March 2002. Research on: "The Principle of Preservation of Contracts in International Legal Instruments" Funding (*ad personam*): Italian Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Ms Amina KHAYAT (Morocco), Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Souissi University, Rabat; Official, Ministry of Finance – Research period: March/April Research on: "The Law Applicable to International Commercial Contracts". Sponsored by the Government of Finland;

Ms Ana DJORIC (Yugoslavia (Serbia)), Researcher, Institute of Comparative Law and G17 Institute, Belgrade; Ph.D Student (Paris X, France); Research period: March/July. Research on: "The International Carriage of Goods". Sponsored by the French Government;

- Mr Anibal QUIROGA LEON (Peru), Professor, Faculty of Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru, Lima; Research period: April-June. Research on: "UNIDROIT Principles and Rules / ALI Relative to the Transnational Civil Procedure". Sponsored (partial funding) by the Government of Finland;
- Ms Yulia LENEVICH (Russian Federation), Counsellor, Legal Department, Ministry for Economic Development and Trade, Moscow. Research period: June/July. Research on: "Warehousing Contract in International Trade". Partial funding by UNIDROIT;
- Ms Katarina KALESNA (Slovakia), Professor, Faculty of Law, Comenius University, Bratislava. Research period: July/August. Research on: "International Franchising and Competition Law Issues". Sponsored by UNIDROIT;
- Mr Oleksandr SEROGIN (Ukraine), Assistant Professor of Law, Institute for International Relations – Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. Research period: July/August. Research on: "Legal Regulation of International Tourist Relations (Ukraine – EU comparative Study)". Sponsored by UNIDROIT;
- Mr FAN Yong (People's Republic of China), Attorney-at-law, Sinobridge Law Firm, Beijing. Research period: July/September. Research on: "Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions and Merger Control Regulation under EU Legal System". Sponsored by the Government of the People's Republic of China;
- Mr ZUO Haicong (People's Republic of China), Associate Professor of International Economic and Commercial Law, Wuhan University. Research period: July/September. Research on: "Agency Law" (in progress). Sponsored by the Government of the People's Republic of China;
- Ms DUAN Donghui (People's Republic of China), Legal Counsel China Construction Bank, Beijing. Research period: July/September. Research on: UNIDROIT Principles; Securities Held in Indirect Holding System; Transnational Civil Procedure. Sponsored by the Government of the People's Republic of China;
- Mr Ivo TELEC (Czech Republic), Professor, Masryk University, Brno; Member, Permanent civil law commission. Research period: September/October. Research on: "Franchising and Licensing Law – Comparative Law". Sponsored by UNIDROIT;
- Ms Elena BABKINA (Russian Federation), Assistant Professor, University of the State of Belarus, Minsk. Research period: September/October. Research on: "International Commercial Agency: International and Comparative Law Aspects". Sponsored by UNIDROIT;
- M. Mario Gustavo CARRIZO ADRIS (Argentina), Professor, Universidad Argentina de la Empresa (UADE), Buenos Aires. Research period: September/October. Research on: "Competition Law/Mercosur UE Compared". Sponsored by the Government of Finland and the UADE;
- Ms Elena SOKOLOVA (Russian Federation), Assistant Professor, Moscow State Open University. Research period: September/October. Research on: "Factoring and Credit Law: International Instruments". Sponsored by UNIDROIT;
- Mr Blaise DAUGAUX-KOUASSI (Côte d'Ivoire), Assistant Professor at the University of Abidjan. Research period: Sept./Oct. Research on: "Legal Integration in Western Francophone Africa – Private Law Aspects. Sponsored by UNIDA (*ad personam*);
- Mr Bayu Seto HARDJOWAHONO (Indonesia), Professor, Catholic University of Parahyangan. Research period: September/December. Research on: "UNIDROIT Principles and Their Application in Asia". Sponsored by the Government of Korea.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

In 2002 the Institute welcomed the following interns and researchers: Ms Eva Ares Alvarez (Spain), Mr Massimo Baldini (Italy), Ms Mercedes Barros (Uruguay), Ms Alegria Borrás (Spain), Ms Daria Basisty (Russian Federation), Mr Mikhail Basisty (Russian Federation), Mr Louis-Philippe Caron (Canada – sent by the Ecole du Barreau de Québec for a six-month internship), Mr Stefan Eberhard (Switzerland), Mr Diego P. Fernandez Arroyo (Spain), Mr Julio Gonzáles Campos (Spain), Mr Michel Heinzmann (Switzerland), Ms Virginie Hollanders (France), Mr Olaf Meyer (Germany), Ms Céline Mutz (Austria/France), Ms Ololade

Odunjo (Nigeria), Mr Carlos Petit (Spain), Ms Panagiota Pyridi (Greece), Mr Heinrich Schweizer (Germany) and Mr Leo Van den hole (Belgium).

Mr Bruno Poulain was seconded to the Secretariat in July 2001 for a period of twelve months under the French Government's voluntary service scheme. This secondment was extended a further six months until December 2002.

2001

Research Scholarships Programme

Twenty researchers were welcomed during 2001 in accordance with the decision taken by the Scholarships Sub-committee of the Governing Council at its meeting in 2000 and thanks to the support of the following sponsors: Government of France, Government of the Republic of Korea and Government of Finland, as well as a contribution from UNIDROIT's general budget.

The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

Prof. Vladimir PLETNEV (Russian Federation), Law Professor, Ural State Law Academy, Ekaterinburg. Research period: 1 November – 18 December 2000. Research on: "Rights *in rem* in continental law". Funding (*ad personam*): Research Centre for Private Law (Ural Branch);

Prof. Valentinas MIKELINAS (Lithuania), Law Professor, Vilnius University; Judge, Supreme Court. Research period: 2 January - 2 February. Research on: "International Civil Procedure". Sponsor: Canadian Government, Department of Justice;

Mr Fodé KANTE (Guinea), Magistrate, Arbitration Chamber of Guinea. Research period: 15 January-15 March. Research on: "International Commercial Arbitration in the OHADA context". Funding (*ad personam*): French Government, Department of Foreign Affairs;

Mr Mosgan SITUMORANG (Indonesia), Senior Researcher, National Law Reform Agency, Ministry of Justice, Jakarta. Research period: April-May. Research on: "Cross-Border Insolvency – Comparative & International Law Aspects". Sponsor: Government of Korea;

Ms Galina YEROMENKO (Ukraine), Researcher and Professor, Institute of State and Law of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. Research period: April-May. Research on: "Conception of Civil Liability in modern law doctrine". Sponsor: UNIDROIT;

Ms Natalia TRIGOUBOVITCH (Russia), Lecturer, Saratov State Academy of Law, Saratov. Research period: April-May. Research on: "Choice and Application of Law in International Commercial Contracts". Sponsor: UNIDROIT;

M. Aliaksandre DANILEVICH (Belarus), Assistant Professor, Academy for Administration to the President of the Republic. Research period: August-September. Research on: "The arbitral award and recourses". Sponsor: UNIDROIT. In conjunction with the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (Lausanne) (2 months);

Ms Najla MESTIRI (Tunisia), Post-graduate student (LLM), Montreal (Canada). Research period: 23 April - 23 May. Research subject: "International Sales, Uniform Law and the UNIDROIT Principles". Sponsor: UNIDROIT;

Ms Ruslana NIKISHOVA (Belarus), Lecturer, International Law Department, Belarus State University, Minsk. Research period: 7 May - 31 July. Research on: "Civil Liability – Torts. International and Comparative Law Aspects". Sponsor: UNIDROIT;

- Mr Daniel BELANSKY (Slovakia), Lawyer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bratislava. Research period: May-June. Research on: "Bankruptcy – A Comparative Study on Enforcement in Slovakia and the Countries of the European Union". Sponsor: Government of France;
- Mr K.B. AGRAWAL (India), Director, Indian Institute of Comparative Law – former Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. Research period: May-July. Research on: "Private International Law – Research on Private International Law Aspects of Breach of Contract" commissioned by the Indian Institute of Comparative Law, Jaipur. Sponsor: Government of Korea;
- Mr N. GUPTA (India), Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Comparative Law, Jaipur. Research period: June, in co-operation with the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (Lausanne). Research on: "Family Law and Private International Law", commissioned by the Indian Institute of Comparative Law, Jaipur. Sponsor: Government of Korea;
- Mr Sergei POUKHOF (Russia), Practising lawyer, Adjunct Professor, Russian Academy of Foreign Trade, Perm. Research period: June. Research on: "The Principle of Good Faith and Fair Dealing in International Trade Law". Sponsor: UNIDROIT;
- Mr Olexey KOSTROMOV (Ukraine), Lecturer, Ukrainian Center for Legal Studies and Ukrainian Institute of International Relations, Kiev. Research period: June-July. Research on: "Contemporary Problems of the International Unification of Agency Law". Sponsor: UNIDROIT;
- Mr Messaoud MENTRI (Algeria), Professor, University of Annaba. Research period: June-July. Research on: "The Obligations of Seller and Buyer in the International Sale of Goods". Sponsor: Government of Finland;
- Mr Olekunle OLATAWURA (Nigeria), Solicitor, PhD Researcher, London. Research period: July-August. Research on: "The Impact of the UNIDROIT Model Law on Franchising and its Promotion in Developing Countries with Reference to Nigeria". Sponsor: Government of Finland;
- Ms Angela MITA-BACIU (Romania), Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Iasi. Research period: July-August. Research on: "Conflict of Laws on International Sale of Goods Matters under the European Uniform Regulations". Sponsor: UNIDROIT;
- Mr José Mauricio GAONA (Colombia), Assistant Professor, University Externado de Colombia (Bogota). Research period: September-October. Research on: "European Procedural Law". Sponsor: Government of Finland;
- Mr Nikoloz DEVDARIANI (Georgia), Legal Attaché, Ministry of Justice, Tbilisi. Research period: September-October. Research on: "Unification of Private Law and the Activities of UNIDROIT". Sponsor: UNIDROIT;
- Mr Gaston KENFACK-DOUJANI (Cameroon), Deputy Director of Civil, Commercial, Social and Traditional Legislation, Ministry of Justice, Yaoundé. Research Period: 15 September- 30 October. Research on: "The role of arbitration in the OHADA system". Sponsored *ad personam* by the French Government.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

In 2001 the Institute welcomed the following interns and researchers: Jennifer Lubin (USA), Olaf Meyer (Germany) and Romain Vallet (France).

Mr Bruno Poulain was seconded to the Secretariat in July 2001 for a period of twelve months under the French Government's voluntary service scheme. This period of secondment is renewable and Mr Poulain is likely to apply for an extension until December 2002.

2000

Research Scholarships Programme

For logistic reasons, linked to the celebration of the Jubilee in Rome during the whole of 2000, the UNIDROIT Secretariat decided to postpone the stay of the researchers whose request was accepted in 2000 to the first semester of 2001.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

In 2000 the Institute welcomed the following interns and researchers: Charlotte Beck (Germany), Samuel Gandin (France), Daniel Kappes (Germany), Miriam Parmentier (Germany), Isabelle Rueda (France), Louise Ellen Teitz (USA), Mathias Zintler (Germany).

Mr Alexandre Court de Fontmichel was seconded to the Secretariat in March 2000 for a period of sixteen months under the French Government's voluntary service scheme and will end his period of secondment in June 2001.

Research Scholarships Programme

Twelve researchers were received in 1999, in line with the decision taken by the Scholarships Committee of the Governing Council at its 1999 session, and thanks to the support of the following sponsors: the French Government, the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Finnish Government. The UNIDROIT general budget also made a contribution.

The following researchers benefited under the programme:

Mr Arkadi MAIFAT, (Russian Federation), Lecturer, State Academy of the Ural, Ekaterinburg - Research period: 1 February/31 March - Research on: The legal treatment of Government bonds and securities in comparative law;

Ms XU Li (People's Republic of China), Professor, Faculty of Law, Institute of External Trade, Shanghai - Research period: 1 February/30 April - Research on: Uniform law instruments, with special emphasis on international commercial law;

Ms Adriana DREYZIN DE KLOR (Argentina), Professor, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba and Ms María Emilia LLOVERAS de REZK (Argentina), Attorney; Professor, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba - Research period: 15 January/28 February - Joint Research on: UNIDROIT Principles and their application in the context of Mercosur;

- Mr Alexei G. DOUDKO (Russian Federation), Reporter, International Commercial Arbitration Court of Arbitration Chamber (ICAC); private practitioner – Research period: 1 September/13 October - Research on: Hardship and its effects on contracts: a comparative and uniform law perspective;
- Mr Fernando FERNANDEZ DA SILVA (Brazil), Assistant Professor, University of Sao Paulo - Research period: October/November - Research on: UNESCO and UNIDROIT instruments for the protection of cultural property – their application in Mercosur;
- Mr Jorge JARAMILLO VARGAS (Colombia), Lawyer, Lecturer, Universidad Externado de Colombia - Research period: 12 October/11 December - Research on: International trade law, new technologies and *Lex mercatoria*;
- Mr Kamil KILJAŃSKI (Poland), Trainee, International Business Internship - Research period: 2 November/22 December - Research on: UNIDROIT and franchising – Using the Model Law as a basis for drafting new franchising laws;
- Ms Milena MINKOVA (Bulgaria), Researcher, SID Candidate, Central European University - Research period: 1 November/22 December - Research on: Application of UNIDROIT rules on franchising in drafting the EEC block exemptions from the ban on restriction of competition;
- Mr Marco PEREZ (Colombia), Lawyer, Lecturer, Universidad Externado de Colombia - Research period: 12 October/11 December - Research on: Electronic commerce;
- Mr Kamel RAHMAOUI (Algeria), Wihaya Officer, Lecturer, Annaba University - Research period: October/November - Research on: Legal instruments for the protection of the cultural heritage and their application in Algeria and the Arab Maghreb countries;
- Mr Zafrullah SALIM (Indonesia), Legislative Drafter, Directorate of Legislation, Ministry of Justice - Research period: 22 October/24 December - Research on: Comparative study of anti-monopoly law and the Indonesian draft legislation;
- Mr Folarin SHYLLON (Nigeria), Professor, Law Faculty, University of Ibadan - Research period: October/November - Research on: UNIDROIT Convention on cultural property and arbitration mechanisms for the settlement of disputes;
- Mr Taryana SOENANDAR (Indonesia), Legal Researcher, National Law Reform Agency, Ministry of Law and Legislation - Research period: 17 September/13 December - Research on: The role of UNIDROIT and the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and its benefit for the future Indonesian Contract Law;
- Ms Flutura TAFAJ (Albania), Attorney; Lecturer, Tirana University - Research period: 25 October/18 December - Research on: Organisational aspects of the judiciary and civil procedure (comparative law);
- Mr Ignacio VERA ESTRADA (Mexico), Assistant, Instituto de Investigaciones Juridicas UNAM - Research period: 30 August/1 November - Research on: Formation of contracts in the context of new information technology.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

In 1999 the Institute welcomed the following interns and researchers: Marie-Claude Miot (France), Mary Jeanne Phelan (Canada), Jan Ulrich Wacke (Germany), Eva Kremer (Germany), Daphne Richmond (France) and Sven Schilf (Germany).

Mr Eric Carpano, who had been seconded to the Secretariat in April 1998 for a period of sixteen months under the French Government's voluntary service scheme, ended his period of secondment in August 1999.

1998

Research Scholarships Programme

Twelve researchers were received at the Institute in 1998, in line with the decision taken by the Scholarships Committee of the Governing Council at its 1997 and 1998 sessions, and thanks to the support of the following sponsors: the French Government, the Government of the Republic of Korea and the *Agence de la Francophonie*. The UNIDROIT general budget also made a contribution.

The following researchers benefited under the programme:

Mr Carlos VALEDON (Venezuela), Attorney, Lecturer at the Universidad Central de Venezuela – Research period: 23 January/6 March) – Research on: UNIDROIT Principles (for the national report at the XVth Congress on Comparative Law, Bristol 1998)

Professor Cecilia FRESNEDO DE AGUIRRE (Uruguay), Attorney, Universidades de la República and Católica, and Professor Maria Blanca NOODT TAQUELA (Argentina), Universidades de Buenos Aires, de Moron, del Salvador and Austral – Research period: 19 January/27 February – Joint Research on: Uniform Private Law Conventions and their impact on domestic legislation

Mr Maris LEJNIEKS (Latvia), Assistant Professor, Riga University – Research period: 4 February/27 March - Research on: Enforcement of maritime liens in Latvia in the context of international practice

Mr Bizan IZADI (Iran), Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Research period: 1 June/15 July - Research on: UNIDROIT Principles: a comparison with contracts rules under the Iranian Civil Code

Mr Mohamed EL HADI ALLALI (Algeria) Advocate, Court of Annaba - – Research period: 1 June/31 July - Research on: The applicability of commercial company law to public utility companies

Mr LE Net (Vietnam), Lecturer, Law College, National University of Ho Chi Minh City – Research period: 1 July/8 August – Research on: UNIDROIT Principles and translation of the Comments into Vietnamese

Professor Miklós KIRALI (Hungary), Associate Professor, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest – Research period: 30 June/10 August) - Research on: UNIDROIT Principles and contract law in the European Communities

Professor Sathya NARAYAN (India), Joint Director, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies – Research period: June/September - Research on: Comparative Law Study on Civil Liability to Formulate a Unified Law for India

Ms Mirela RUSU (Romania) – Research period: 15 September/15 November - Research on: Contracts between the State and private foreign investors: dispute settlement

Professor Jana ZASTEROVA (Czech Republic), Head of the Department of Environmental Law, Czech Academy of Science – Research period: 2 September/15 October - Research on: Insurance law and environmental protection

Professor Ion BURUIANA (Moldavia), Assistant Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Chisinau – Research period: 15 September/15 October) - Research on: Lex Mercatoria and international commercial arbitration.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

The Institute welcomed in 1998 the following interns and researchers coming from various universities in the world: Sara Medina Alvarez (Spain); Marianne Hoepfl (Germany); Manuela Schuerz (Germany); Ulrike Achhammer (Germany); Marcellus Puhlemann (Germany); Klaus Rabe (Germany); Peter Onyango (Kenya); Kresimir Sajko (Croatia); William Wiggers (Netherlands) and Marie-Louise Larsson (Sweden).

In addition, Mr Eric Carpano was seconded to the Secretariat since April 1998 for a period of sixteen months under the French Government's voluntary service scheme.

Research Scholarships Programme

In 1997, the Programme of legal co-operation, developed considerably thanks to the support of the French Government, the Korean Government and the Seoul based "Transnational Law and Business Studies", the Swedish Government (with a carryover from its 1995 grant), the Council of Europe in the framework of its programme of co-operation and assistance aimed at the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and by the *Agence de coopération culturelle et technique (ACCT)* in Paris in addition to Chapter 11 of the UNIDROIT budget devoted to "Legal assistance to developing countries".

The following researchers benefited under the programme:

- Mr Alfonso SORIA MENDOZA (Colombia), Professor (International Private Law), Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogotá – Research period: February/April - Research on: Competition law in a international and comparative perspective (specifically in the framework of the different integration systems of Latin America)
- Mr François ANOUKAHA (Cameroon), Professor at the University of Yaoundé II – Research period: June/August - Research on: Security interest legislation in the Uniform OHADA Act in regard to the world evolution of business law
- Mr Diman IVANOV (Bulgaria), Assistant Professor, Plovdiv University – Research period: September - Research on: Comparison between the Bulgarian legislation and the EEC legislation on foreign judgements in civil and commercial matters; UNIDROIT Convention on cultural property
- Ms Maura OLARU (Romania), Judge, Vice President at the Tribunal of Bucharest, Lecturer, National Institute of Magistrates – Research period: July/August - Research on: Comparison of the different European systems of commercial justice
- Ms Ardita ALSULA (Albania), Ministry of Justice, Tirana; Lecturer, Tirana University – Research period: July/August - Research on: Maritime Law
- Mr Antenor MADRUGA (Brazil), Attorney of the Brazilian Federal Government; Professor, University of Rio Grande do Norte – Research period: August 1997/February 1998 - Research on: International and domestic regulations regarding commercial agency relationships
- Mr Jacek NAPIERALA (Poland), Poznan University – Research period: September - Research on: Contractual liability under the U.N. Convention on contracts for the International Sale of Goods
- Mr Mauricio PRADO (Brazil), Lawyer – Research period: 4 September/4 December - Research on: Comparative study between Italian and Brazilian legislation and the hardship theory in the UNIDROIT Principles and the European Principles
- Mr Bostjan TRATAR (Slovenia), Intern at the High Court of Ljubljana – Research period: 6 October/29 November – Research on: UNIDROIT Principles and International Private Law
- Ms DING Ding (China), University of International Business and Economics – Research period: November/January 1998 - Research on: UNIDROIT Principles: Some clues to the Chinese uniform contract law

Collaborators, interns and researchers

In 1997 the Institute welcomed the following interns and researchers: Mr Mads Bryde Andersen of the Copenhagen University (Denmark); Mr Mariano Banos (Argentina) of the University of Yale; Ms Josefina Boquera Matarredona of the University of Valencia (Spain); Ms Anne Fricke, Oberlandesgericht Naumburg (Germany); Ms Olivia Hantz of the University of Aix-en-Provence (France); Mr Olaf Hartenstein of the University of Kiel (Germany); Ms Christina Hultmark of the University of Göteborg (Sweden); Mr Stefan Krätschmer, Oberlandesgericht Nürnberg (Germany); Ms Claudia Kunert of the University of München (Germany); Mr Johannes Lübking, Kammergericht Berlin (Germany); Ms Nicola Mayerl of the University of Regensburg (Germany); Mr Juan Luis Pulido of the University of Cádiz (Spain); Ms Géraldine Robert (France); Mr Martin Selle, Oberlandesgericht Celle (Germany); Ms Laura Gonzalez Pachon of the University of Valladolid (Spain).

In addition, Mr Edouard Treppoz was seconded to the Secretariat for a period of sixteen months as from December under the French Government's voluntary service scheme.

1996

Research Scholarships Programme

In 1996 it developed considerably in relative terms, thanks in part to the support offered by the Council of Europe under its programme of co-operation and assistance with countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the Legal and Human Rights Fields. In addition to the Council of Europe, thanks are in particular due to the other two donors, namely the Governments of France and Sweden, which have continued to give the programme unwavering support.

The following researchers benefited under the programme:

Mr Zouhair SKANDER (Tunisia), Magistrate, Adviser on legislative reform, Ministry of Justice – Research period: January - Research on: The extrajudicial settlement of claims arising from road accidents

Mr Hatem DACHRAOUI (Tunisia), Magistrate – Research period: February - Research on: Private professional corporations

Ms Elly ERAWATY (Indonesia), Professor, Univ. of Bandung and Jakarta; Research at the National Agency for Legal Development, Ministry of Justice, Jakarta – Research period: 6 March/30 April - Research on: Leasing and competition law

Mr Atis SJANITS (Latvia), Under-Secretary of State, Head of the Department of International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Riga) – Research period: 21 March/7 April - Research on: UNIDROIT instruments and their integration into the Latvian legal system

Mr Valentinas MIKELINAS (Lithuania), Attorney; Rector of the Faculty of Law, Vilnius – Research period: 3-27 April - Research on: UNIDROIT Principles and the reform of the civil code in Lithuania

Mr Oleg KRAVCHENCKO (Belarus), Third Secretary, Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Research period: 1 May/30 June - Research on: Jurisdictional Immunities of States

Mr Alexander BIRIOUKOV (Ukraine), Attorney; Assistant Professor, Centre for Law Studies, University of Kiev – Research period: July/August - Research on: Bankruptcy law, comparative law and legislative reform

Mr Kresimir SAJKO (Croatia), Director, Institute of International and Comparative Law – Research period: September - Research on: The UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen and Illegally Exported Cultural Objects

- Mr Ahmer BILAL SOOFI (Pakistan), Attorney, Adviser on International Law to the President of the Society for Research on International Law – Research period: September - Research on: UNIDROIT uniform law instruments and their application in Pakistan: in particular the Convention on International Leasing
- Ms Marija KRISPER-KRAMBERGER (Slovenia), Judge – Supreme Court of Slovenia; Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana – Research period: October - Research on: Ownership law and its limitations, from a public interest point of view: comparative law aspects
- Ms Eugenia FLORESCU (Romania), Assistant Professor (commercial law), University of Sibiu – Research period: October/November - Research on: Legal instruments to facilitate capital movements
- Mr Angel PEDROZA NAVARRO (Mexico), Associate Professor, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México – Research period: 6 October/29 November - Research on: New trends in private international law: the 1995 Italian Act on Private international law
- Ms Paulina BUCHWALD (Poland), Doctoranda, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Silesia – Research period: 31 October/20 December - Research on: International protection of cultural property (comparative law aspects)
- Mr Barna BERKE (Hungary), Assistant Professor, Eötvös Loránd University – Research period: 20 November/20 December - Research on: Incorporation of EC company law into national legislation

Collaborators, interns and researchers

The Institute welcomed the following interns and researchers in 1996: Ms Jana Arsic (Bosnia) of the Erasmus Universiteit, Rotterdam; Ms Marianne Chevalier (France) of the Golden Gate University, San Francisco; Mr James Alexander Graham (Luxembourg) of the University of Paris II – Panthéon-Assas; Mr Martin Herrmann, Oberlandesgericht Bamberg (Germany); Mr Carl Ulrich Mayer of the University of Basel (Switzerland); Ms Monique Olivier of the Golden Gate University, San Francisco (U.S.A.); Mr Juan Luis Pulido of the University of Cádiz (Spain); Ms Nicoletta Marchiandi of the University of Turin (Italy); Ms Catherine Denis of the University of Brussels (Belgium) and Ms Pilar Abella of the University of Girona (Spain).

In addition, Mr Edouard Treppoz was seconded to the Secretariat for a period of sixteen months as from December under the French Government's voluntary service scheme.

1995

Research Scholarships Programme

The following eight scholars were received under the programme, namely:

- Mr Luiz Guilherme DE ANDRADE VIEIRA LOUREIRO (Brazil), Magistrate, Tribunal of Atibaia (SP) – Research period: January/February - Research on: Protection of cultural property
- Mr Marco Aurelio LLINAS VOLPE (Colombia), Professor and researcher at the Universidad Externado de Colombia (Bogotá), Legal Adviser to Avianca – Research period: 21 February/3 May- Research on: Leasing and the aviation sector
- Mr Calin GURAU (Romania), Assistant professor, Faculty of Law and Economics, Oreada; Marketing adviser to the Employers' Federation – Research period: May/June - Research on: Les méthodes de pénétration économique sur les marchés d'Europe centrale et orientale
- Mr Jan ŠVIDROŇ (Slovakia), Assistant Professor (civil law) at Comenius University – Research period: 15 June/15 August - Research on: The UNIDROIT Principles (general study and translation into the Slovak language)

Ms Nina VILKOVA (Russian Federation), Professor of Law, Academy of External Trade – Research period: 6 September/3 November - Research on: The new Conventions and their impact on legislative reform in Russia

Ms Eve JÖKS (Estonia), Adviser, Department of International Law, Ministry of Justice – Research period: 1 October/4 November - Research on: International instruments on international mutual legal assistance

Mr Jaanus IKLA (Estonia), Senior Adviser, Department of Civil Law, Ministry of Justice – Research period: 6 November/10 December - Research on: Comparative law, with a view to domestic legislative reform

Mr JIANMING Zang (People's Republic of China), Official, Chinese Patent Office – Research period: 1 year - Research on: Italian patent system

The scholarships were made available through the generosity of the French Government (three scholarships), the Swedish Government (two), the Italian Government (one) and the *Agence de coopération culturelle et technique* in Paris (one). One scholarship was financed out of the annual budget of UNIDROIT.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

The Institute also received the following interns and researchers in 1995: Ms Lucia Alvarado Herrera and Ms Angela Perez Rodriguez of the University of Cadiz (Spain); Ms Antje Luke of the University of Freiburg (Germany) and Ms Shannon Poindexter of the McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, Sacramento (U.S.A.).

In addition, Ms Luisa Fernanda Barrameda Fernandez of the University of Las Palmas (Spain) and Ms Federica Oudin (University of Paris XI) continued their research respectively on international franchising and on the international validity of security interests in movable property and the unification of private law.

Throughout the year the Institute benefited from the invaluable contribution of Mr Martin Oudin, seconded to the Secretariat for a period of sixteen months in the framework of the French Government's voluntary service scheme.

1994

Research Scholarships Programme

The following five persons have been received under the programme, namely:

Ms Jana ARSIC (Bosnia-Herzegovina), Assistant at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam (Netherlands), who spent the month of May at the Institute under a joint grant from UNIDROIT and the Erasmus University. Both her presence at the first session of the UNIDROIT study group on franchising and the availability of the Institute's extensive documentation on the subject assisted her research with a view to a doctoral thesis on franchising which she is currently preparing.

Mr Vaidotas VAICIUS, Assistant at the University of Vilnius and Consultant to the Government of Lithuania, who was the beneficiary of a two month scholarship (June and July) with UNIDROIT thanks to a grant from the Swedish Government. His research was concentrated on the 1980 United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. The scholarship was also conceived within the framework of the co-operation between UNIDROIT and the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law in Lausanne where Mr Vaicius spent two months prior to his stay in Rome.

Mr Vincent ITOUA, Professor at the "Ecole Nationale d'Administration et de Magistrature", Brazzaville

(Congo), who was awarded a three month scholarship (September/October), funded by the *Agence de Coopération Culturelle et Technique* (ACCT), Paris. The document prepared by Mr Itoua at the end of his research period is entitled "Some reflections on security interests in mobile equipment in relation to the harmonisation of the business law of the African members of the Zone franc".

Ms Malina NOVKIRISHKA STOIANOVA, Professor at the University of Sofia and Legal Adviser to the Prime Minister, who was accorded a scholarship for one month with funding from the French Government to conduct research in the field of bankruptcy law, in particular in connection with procedures for the consolidation of enterprises in financial difficulty, with a view to the preparation of draft legislation to supplement the bankruptcy law adopted in Bulgaria in August 1994.

Professor Juris BOJARS, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Relations, who spent a period of study of two months (November/December), once again with funding from the Swedish Government, the principal purpose of which was the conducting of research with a view to the publication in Latvian of a treatise on private international law.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

The Institute also received the following four interns in 1994: Mr Christoph Häusler, Bavarian Ministry of Justice (Germany); Ms Laura Helinski and Ms Holly Tomchey (United States of America), sponsored respectively by the McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, Sacramento and by the College of Law, University of Kentucky, Lexington; Ms Marie-Aude Tavoso (France) of the University of Aix-en-Provence and the Erasmus University of Florence.

In addition, Ms Luisa Fernanda Barrameda Fernandez of the University of Las Palmas (Spain) has been conducting research respectively on international franchising at the Institute since October 1992 while Ms Federica Oudin (University of Paris XI) and Mr Juan Luis Pulido of the University of Cadiz (Spain) have been carrying out doctoral research on the international validity of security interests in movable property and the unification of private law, and on the United Nations Sales Convention respectively.

1993

Research Scholarships Programme

Five scholars were received in 1993, most of whom prepared an article or report at the end of their stay with UNIDROIT:

Mr Michel FARAG, Judge at the Court of Appeal of Alexandria (Egypt), whose research topic was "The award of compensation by courts in the light of changing economic and monetary conditions: practical comparative law aspects" (financed by the French Government); this scholarship was organised in co-operation with the International Development Law Institute (IDLI, Rome) during the period 7 December 1992 to 3 March 1993.

Mr SHANG Ming, Official, Department of Treaties and Law, Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, People's Republic of China, worked in the context of the reform of the national law on investments, on "China's legislation on foreign economic relations and trade and the principle of national treatment" (financed out of the general budget of UNIDROIT); this scholarship, which took place during the months of February, May and June, was organised in association with the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (Lausanne) and with the International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/GATT) (Geneva).

Ms Anastasia KLIMOVA, Official at the Department of Treaties and Law, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Russian Federation, researched the subject of "Cross-border leasing as a means of developing the economic

infrastructure of countries engaged in the transition to a market economy and at the same time of opening new windows of opportunity for the activity of Italian leasing companies in such countries"; her scholarship was funded by the Italian Leasing Association (Assilea); economic operators (leasing companies), law professors and law firms in Italy provided the practical dimension essential to the programme from which Ms Klimova benefited during her three month stay at UNIDROIT (April to June).

Mr Evshingiin IDESH, Official at the Department of Treaties and Law, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ulan-Bator (Mongolia), received direct funding from UNDP to follow courses with the International Development Law Institute (IDLI, Rome); he spent a brief period (two weeks during the summer) with UNIDROIT of "supervised research" dedicated to an "Introduction to Western legal systems and to uniform private law".

El Mokhtar BAKKOUR, Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Rabat (Morocco), conducted research for two and a half months with UNIDROIT (September to mid-November) on the theme of "Competences of intergovernmental organisations and uniform law instruments in maritime and air transport: perspectives for the updating of Moroccan law". During his stay in Rome, Mr Bakkour was put in touch with a number of Italian legal circles and rendered a considerable service to the Secretariat by translating into Arabic the UNIDROIT Convention on International Financial Leasing and on International Factoring. Mr Bakkour's scholarship was financed by the French Government with the generous assistance of Royal Air Maroc.

Collaborators, interns and researchers

The Institute received two interns in 1993, Ms Antoinette Nichols (United States of America) and Ms Nancy Scott (Canada), sponsored respectively by Golden Gate University, San Francisco and by the McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, Sacramento. Both interns conducted valuable work on the companion volume to the Institute's Digest of Legal Activities of International Organisations and other Institutions concerning past work, Ms Scott dealing with the activity of UNIDROIT and Ms Nichols with that of UNCITRAL and the Hague Conference on Private International Law.