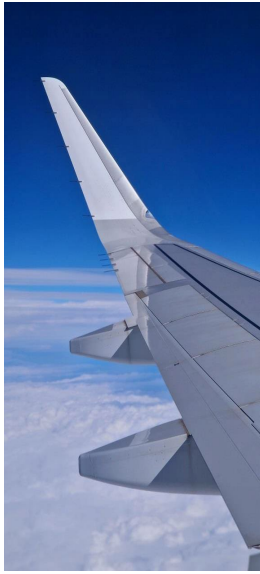


RIISING TO THE CHALLENGES| The Journey Continues

Welcome on Board!

Greece Chapter European Branch

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - CI Arb



This is my first travel to Athens and my second travel¹ to Greek.

I enjoy walk around the streets and let me impress ... from my senses... and ... my very first impression in Athens, walking across Syntagmatos Square was that in fact the commerce, began in Ancient Greek ... and nowadays unalterable reminds.

If you walk around streets you're immediately fascinated by merchants of different types who sell their products. Small commerce with a touch of warmest cordiality and if you sits in a square with a nicest Greek coffee your journey takes other sense immerse on their local atmosphere around their fascinated culture.

Akadimias Street, 60 - Athens Bar Association - was my destiny and arriving there, invited for his newest Chair Greece Chapter EU Branch Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - CI Arb, Stelios Gregoriou.



¹ The first travel was in Thessaloniki for attendance I participated as expert on behalf Madrid Bar Association cooperating with Thessaloniki Bar Association, invited by his President Ioannis Papadopoulos on the Program regarding Judicial cooperation in Civil Matters (OJ 2002/C 301/08): (a) Council Regulation No. 1348/2000 on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters; (b) Council Regulation No. 44/2001 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters.

*Accepting his warmest invitation since my Institutional position as Chair Iberian Chapter EU Branch CI Arb, he suggested me, if I could speak regarding **the role of Chapters inside Branches in CI Arb and here I inform my three minutes intervention:***

Inaugural event, Greek Chapter EU Branch CI Arb|

Grateful being here esteemed speakers whose preceded me on this inaugural Event².

Distinguish members, Steering Committee Greek Chapter³ and my dearest Steering Committee Iberian⁴ here in my mind, Audience, Friends.

As previous we have heard. And my brief intervention as Chair Iberian Chapter today [Accepting the warmest invitation newest Chair Greek Chapter European Branch Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - CI Arb, Stelios Gregoriou whose proposed me, if I could speak regarding the role of Chapters inside Branches in CI Arb and here I inform, esteemed audience, my three minutes intervention]:

The role of Chapters inside Branches in Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, CI Arb implies for me two important issues: COLLABORATION AND RELEVANCE.

Collaboration means Promotion Arbitration on a professional understanding as our Key – target point, nowadays and future.

² Dimitrios Vervesos, President of the Athens Bar Association, *hosting the event*; Jonathan Wood, President of CI Arb; Jonathan Elvey, President of LMAA; Mohamed Abdel Wahab, President-elect 2025 of CI Arb; Philip Landolt, President of CI Arb European Branch; Haris Pamboukis, Professor at University of Athens; Antonios Tsavdaridis, Assistant Professor at Democritus University of Thrace; Anna Plevri, Assistant Professor at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

³ The Steering Committee of CI Arb Chapter Greek, Stelios Gregoriou (FCI Arb) – Chair, Victoria Liouta (FCI Arb) – Vice-Chair, Haris Meidanis (FCI Arb), George Lambrou (FCI Arb), Vassiliki Koumpli (FCI Arb), Dimitris Emvalomenos (MCI Arb), Theophile Margellos (MCI Arb)

⁴ Abdelkader Khalladi – Vice-Chair (FCI Arb); Nuno Pereira André (MCI Arb); Aitor Santana Trujillo (MCI Arb); Jose Jareño (MCI Arb); Peter Nahmias (FCI Arb); Sonsoles Moreno (MCI Arb) - Treasurer; Stefan Rating (MCI Arb); Ana Isabel Argente (MCI Arb); Fernando Messias (MCI Arb).

In the field of justice, this year we commemorate 125 years since the First Hague Peace Conference in 1899, which laid the foundations for international cooperation and conflict resolution by creating the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA). The first step in the development of modern means of conflict resolution was taken.

We will continue to build on our reputation for thought leadership ensuring focus on better understanding across the Globe (business and industry) in cooperation and supporting our European Branch, our role to drive effective dispute resolution. ***Here with Stelios Gregoriou esteemed Greek Chair and esteemed members from Greek Chapter as part of European Branch.***

We are more than 42 Branches with more than 20.000 members around the Globe.

Always in mind collaboration and support as Iberian Chapter (Andorra, Portugal, and Spain) inside European Branch and inside Global CI Arb means that our Code of Professional and Ethical Conduct⁵ govern all times our conduct. The Oxford English Dictionary defines 'ethics' as moral principles or rules of conduct. This Code of Ethics provides a set of moral principles according to which one should conduct one's affairs. Here in Athens even provokes on me more connotations; in all parts of the arbitration process, let me say, the cardinal virtues in arbitration are strengthened and solidified.



⁵ You can find our rules and clauses since our webpage: <https://www.ciarb.org/resources/ciarb-rules-and-clauses/>

Yes, indeed I am referring to: Prudence, strength, temperance and justice that Platon, Socrates, among others developed for us and are still in force today, in their evolution to nowadays they speak to us of the same realities that I interpret as: conscience, be present Today, sustainability, governance, intelligent energetic creative efficiency to reach political excellence together with the European Branch - how Chapter *civis* as with three virtues: courage, moderation, justice. That is to say from the Greek *Areté* with three virtues: *Andreia*, *Sofrosine*, *Dikaiosine*.

Relevance [*as our Chair CI Arb, Jonathan Wood, explained 15th January 2024 when he took the helm: “In my presidential year, relevance⁶ is key”*] as Chapter Chair implicit as call to action as a collective effort working with Greek Chapter – and other European Chapters as part of EU Branch and CI Arb and its members- with discipline, tenacity, resilience and enjoy our Journey.

How?

- . Providing forums for innovation in person or hybrid format;
- . Expanding ADR to encompass a wider range of dispute prevention and resolution options talking more about ourselves as Relevance Institution in the fourth meanings that I understand relevance: (1) as membership; (2) as relationship; (3) as adaptability; (4) as connection;
- . Our activity shall be directed at various sectors, with a particular focus on:
 - Universities, Law and Business Schools, with regard to training and promotion of ADR modalities and our accredited members;
 - Public Institutions and Organizations, with regard to the promotion of ADR modalities and our accredited members;

⁶<https://www.ciarb.org/news-listing/jonathan-wood-ciarb-s-president-on-the-importance-of-relevance-and-adaptability/>

- Private Associations, Organizations and private business enterprises, with regard to the promotion of ADR modalities, assessment of the needs of potential clients of our members and for the promotion of our accredited members.

Certainly the training of Arbitrators is the prerequisite for practising ADR's, but I believe that the professionalism – work- of the Arbitrators themselves deserves our greater commitment in the world of production, trade and services.

I consider this impactful, hardness way where our professionalism will increase and industry will better understand our implementation as part of concise prevention as passionate members of **CI Arb Arbitration Family**⁷.



Nazareth Romero, FCI Arb

Partner Arbitration

[Ovoli Frugoni Romero|Arbitration Litigation](#)



7

Intervention Event Greece Chapter EU Branch_20241122-Nazareth Romero.mp4