



**20 YEARS OF UNIDROIT PRINCIPLES
OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS:
EXPERIENCES AND PROSPECTS
(Rome, 9-10 May 2014)**

Friday, 9 May

morning session

- 9.00 Welcome address (*A. Mazzoni, President of UNIDROIT*)
- 9.15 **I. The role of the UNIDROIT Principles in international contract practice**
- **The UNIDROIT Principles as a guide in contract negotiation**
 - **Model choice-of-law clauses in favour of the UNIDROIT Principles**
- (Chair: *A. Mazzoni*)
K.P. Berger, University of Cologne
F. Bortolotti, University of Turin
H. van Houtte, President, US-Iran Claims Tribunal
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.15 **II. The UNIDROIT Principles and international investment contracts**
- **Investment law and international contract law: common grounds?**
 - **The relevance of the UNIDROIT Principles in international investment arbitration**
- (Chair: *D. Wallace Jr.*)
P. Bernardini, Ughi e Nunziante
G. Cordero-Moss, University of Oslo
J. Kleinheisterkamp, London School of Economics
A. Reinisch, University of Vienna
- 13.00 Lunch break

afternoon session

14.30 **III. The application of the UNIDROIT Principles in international commercial arbitration**

- At the request of the parties
- As expression of “general principles of law”, the *lex mercatoria*, or the like
- As “rules of law found to be appropriate” (Article 21(1) ICC Arbitration Rules)

(Chair: *M.J. Bonell*)

J. Bosco Lee, Universidade Positivo, Curitiba

Y. Derains, Derains & Gharavi

H. Grigera Naon, Washington College of Law

H. Kronke, US-Iran Claims Tribunal

F. Mazza, German Arbitration Institution

16.30 Coffee break

17.00-18.00 Discussion

Saturday 10 May

morning session

9.00 **IV. The UNIDROIT Principles as a means of interpreting domestic law**

- The UNIDROIT Principles as background law in applying domestic laws in an international context (“restatement function”)
- The UNIDROIT Principles and international uniform law instruments

(Chair: *J.A. Estrella Faria*)

M. Bridge, London School of Economics

M. Malaguti, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

R. Michaels, Duke University School of Law

C. Ramberg, Stockholm University

10.45 Coffee break

11.15-12.15 Discussion

12.15 Conclusions: *J.A. Estrella Faria, Secretary-General, UNIDROIT*

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