



**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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