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# 33<sup>rd</sup> World Forum of Mediation Centres

Forum presented by the UIA

**FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 17  
& SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 18, 2025**

*With a welcome cocktail on the evening  
of Thursday, January 16*



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# Introduction

**T**he **UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres** was created in 2001. Every nine months it brings together some of the best commercial mediation practitioners and officers of commercial mediation centres from around the world, together with lawyers, business managers, academics, trainers, and others interested in learning and sharing insights about the development and use of the mediation process.

Usually there are participants from 15 to 20 or more countries in attendance, often from four or five continents, each bringing a different perspective on the use and development of mediation in their jurisdiction.

Whether you are from a place in which mediation already is readily accepted and integrated into the system of dispute resolution, or from one in which the "Dispute Resolution Revolution" is still in a not-yet-fully-accepted stage, there is something of value for you at the Forum. Each one is designed to enhance your knowledge about the mediation process, and to help you identify

best practices as a mediator; both of which are accomplished through the various topics in the sessions, typically led by deeply-experienced mediators.

Equally, if not more, importantly, it also will provide you with ample opportunities to develop relationships and exchange insights on the development and use of mediation with colleagues from a multitude of different cultures around the world. That opportunity can have a profoundly beneficial impact on your professional expertise. To do so at one location is unique to an international event; and convening every nine months is unique to the Forum.

We are excited to have you join us for the **33<sup>rd</sup> Forum in Vienna**. It will be an unforgettable international event, and colleagues from around the world have already confirmed their participation. **Since attendance at the sessions and lunch/dinner meals will be limited to the spaces available, be sure to register early so that you won't miss out.**

**We look forward to seeing you in Vienna!**

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## UIA World Forum of Mediation Centre 2025 UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize

*The creation and organization of the **UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize** by the President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres is directly related to the purpose of the **UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres**.*

*That purpose is to raise awareness of the utility of mediation in any field, not only amongst current users but also amongst the younger generation and students, offering them the chance to meet with professionals working in mediation, providing the opportunity to enhance practice, and gathering different generations in the UIA MEDIATION FORUM.*

The UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize is awarded to a **student under 30 years of age** in recognition of the **best report presented at and related to the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres attended**, on the basis of the quality of the report's content.

**The reports must be submitted by July 31, 2025 at the latest.**

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- Respect the format described in article 5-3 of the Rules\*.
- Be accompanied by a **picture** of the participant, confirmation of name/surname, current full postal address and email, date and place (town and country) of birth, justification of being a student.
- Be accompanied with a separate letter inserting only **two short handwritten sentences** summarizing, in one of the working languages of the UIA (**French, English or Spanish**), the reason(s) why the participant has decided to attend the UIA MEDIATION FORUM and to participate in the UIA contest organized by the Rules. This separate letter, dated and signed by the author, will be scanned and sent with the report by email, as indicated in article 5-4 of the Rules, below.
- Indicate which is the **native language** of the author.

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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

19:00 – 20:30 WELCOME COCKTAIL

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## FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Sky Lounge (DG) - Universität Wien

Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1, 1090 Vienna

09:00 – 09:20 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE FORUM

▪ **Carlo MASTELLONE**, *UIA President, Studio Legale Mastellone, Florence, Italy*

▪ **Fabienne VAN DER VLEUGEL**, *Co-President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Lawyer at the Meaux and New York Bars, VDV Avocats, Equanim, CIArb Accredited Mediator, French Foreign Trade Advisor, Former Associate Professor University Gustave Eiffel, Serris, France*

▪ **Ross W. STODDARD, III**, *Co-President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Attorney-Mediator, Dallas, TX, USA*

▪ **Professor Christian KOLLER**, *Vice Dean of University of Vienna Faculty of Law, Chair for Civil Procedure, co-chair of the European Law Institute, Vienna, Austria*

09:20 – 10:30 LANDSCAPE OF MEDIATION IN AUSTRIA

What is the history of the development of mediation in Austria? How is it being used in Austria today? Do the courts and legislatures support and encourage the use of mediation? Are there local associations? Which obstacles were overcome to advance the use of mediation, and which ones remain that need to be overcome to help mediation become more fully acceptable to the public, lawyers and courts.

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Michael MEYENBURG**, *UIA Representative at the International Organisations, Dr. Michael Meyenburg Rechtsanwalt, Vienna, Austria*

### SPEAKERS:

▪ **Professor Sascha FERZ**, *Professor for Alternative Dispute Resolution at the Institute of Legal Foundations and Head of the interdepartmental Centre for Social Competence at the University of Graz, Faculty of Law, Graz, Austria*

▪ **Nikolaus PITKOWITZ**, *President of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), founding partner and head of dispute resolution at Pitkowitz & Partners, Vienna, Austria*

▪ **Karin GMEINER**, *President of the AVM (Anwaltliche Vereinigung für Mediation und kooperatives Verhandeln), Lawyer, Mediator and CL-Lawyer, Vienna, Austria*

10:30 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 – 11:45 MEDIATORS STORIES: CROSSROADS FROM THE FIELD

This panel is about experience sharing. Mediation is organic. It grows and expands by practice and makes its own way across a great diversity of fields. Every case is unique and brings a new angle, a new perspective to overcome inherent challenges. Embracing mediation is a journey where mediators need to learn from each other. This session aims at presenting a variety of issues from the field and share views with the audience around best practices. It is an interactive session, be prepared to speak UP!

## Programme

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Faiza ALLEG DOLIVET**, *Lawyer & Mediator CEDR/CMAP, Paris, France*

### SPEAKERS:

▪ **Sofia TORRAS**, *Collaborative Lawyer/Mediator, Director ADR Centre Barcelona Bar Association, Barcelona, Spain*

▪ **Sandra GOGAL**, *Partner, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

11:45 – 12:45 CLIENT REPRESENTATION IN MEDIATION

This will be a facilitated discussion soliciting members to share their experiences with client representatives whose behavior was not effective and frustrated mediations. Attendees will be encouraged to share instances of lawyers' misunderstanding of their role in the mediation process, and suggest ways that the UIA might frame an initiative to improve lawyers' effectiveness when representing clients at the mediation table.

**MODERATOR & SPEAKER:** ▪ **F. Peter PHILLIPS, Esq.**, *Business Conflict Management, LLC, Distinguished Adjunct Professor & Director of the ADR Skills Program at New York Law School, Montclair, NJ, USA*

### SPEAKERS:

▪ **Carlo MASTELLONE**, *UIA President, Studio Legale Mastellone, Florence, Italy*

▪ **Venus Valentina WONG**, *Partner, co-head of firm-wide arbitration practice, Wolf Theiss, Vienna, Austria*

12:45 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:00 THE MEDIATION OF AI-SOURCED LABOR DISPUTES

"Tsunami" is a word often used to describe the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the workplace. According to McKinsey, in a report published in 2024, within coming years, for the entire world, up to 30% of hours worked could be automated due to generative AI. The permanent destruction of millions of jobs, or a process of "creative destruction" with the emergence of new work patterns? Time will tell. And yet, inevitably, the disruption – whatever its form – will be systemic. Conflict will be inevitable. How to resolve? Can mediation as a dispute resolution method be the answer to the particular challenges brought by the forces of AI disruption to the workplace? Will new skills be required of mediators to effectively facilitate the resolution of such AI-sourced labor disputes?

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Pierre KIRCH**, *Avocat à la Cour (Paris/Brussels), Mediator, Adjunct professor on the Law of Artificial Intelligence, Catholic University of Paris, Paris, France*

### SPEAKERS:

▪ **Patrick BERARD**, *Member Supervisory Board, ThyssenKrupp AG, & Senior Advisor, Boston Consulting Group, Paris, France*

▪ **Alice FREMUTH-WOLF**, *Mediator, Former Secretary-General, Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), Market Head for Austria & CEE Region, Nivalion, Vienna, Austria*

▪ **Jacqueline SCOTT**, *Immediate Past President, UIA, Lawyer, Fortney Scott, Washington DC, USA*

▪ **Marguerita SEDRATI-MULLER**, *Mediator, Collaborative Lawyer & Innovation & Digitalisation Expert, Schönherr Rechtsanwälte, Vienna, Austria*

## 15:00 – 16:00 COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT MEDIATION STYLES AND THEIR ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES

There are a variety of mediation “styles” which mediators use during the mediation of commercial disputes— even within a particular jurisdiction: Facilitative, Evaluative, Transformative, etc. What are the attributes of each style? Should a mediator adopt only a single style, or multiple styles? What are the advantages or disadvantages of each style? Can a mediator shift styles during a single mediation? This panel will discuss the answers to these questions and more during the session.

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Andy ROGERS**, Mediator & Principal Consultant – Membership, Standards & Media Relations; CEDR Services Ltd., London, UK

### SPEAKERS:

- **Prof. Dr. Renate DENDORFER-DITGES**, LL.M. Partner/Lawyer/ Arbitrator/Mediator, DITGES Partnerschaft mbB, Bonn, Germany
- **Andy ROGERS**, Mediator & Principal Consultant – Membership, Standards & Media Relations; CEDR Services Ltd., London, UK
- **Mona HANNA**, Lawyer, President LAMAC, Director LCMC, Beirut, Lebanon
- **Yonca F. YÜCEL**, Attorney, IMI Certified Mediator/ Arbitrator, Lecturer at İstanbul Gedik University Law Faculty Governing Board Member of Mediation Centers Platform, Ankara, Türkiye

## 16:00 – 16:15 COFFEE BREAK

## 16:15 – 17:15 MEDIATION – HOW TO BUILD CONSTRUCTIVE AND RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE IN CONFLICT SITUATIONS. Learning Mediation and Being Trained in Mediation in Various Steps of Life: Family, Initial Education, Universities, Law Schools, Enterprises

Although the use of mediation is growing throughout much of the world, the pace of that growth is widely disparate. Much of the delay in its acceptance comes from a lack of knowledge of the mediation process – and lack of appreciation of the value of self-determination in the resolution of disputes. Advancement of the use of mediation will only occur through education and training of the several affected interested groups: parties (the public), lawyers, judges and legislators. The earlier in life that such learning occurs, the more likely the use of the mediation as the preferred dispute resolution process will grow.

**MODERATOR OF THIS OPEN FORUM WITH THE AUDIENCE:**

- **Anne-Laure BRUN-BUISSON**, Lawyer, Mediator, Member of IFOMENE coordination committee, Paris, France

## 17:15 – 18:15 MEDIATION IN INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS: KEY LEARNINGS FROM THE FIELD

The mediation is often the ultimate chance to settle down the Parties’ dispute and to avoid lengthy/costly Arbitration/Court Litigation. But, to make it truly efficient and to foster its expected achievement, several topics need to be duly explored prior to enter mediation. Among them, several causes of failure can be anticipated such as Parties’ unfamiliarity with the mediation features and process, the actual soundness of Parties’ grievances and claims, the Parties’ Company cultures and their Cultural dimensions. Learnings from the field can help in mitigating them and to improve the mediation process success.

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Torsten BARTSCH**, Associate General Counsel, Caterpillar Sarl, Geneva, Switzerland

### SPEAKERS:

- **John McELROY**, Partner, Dispute Resolution, Fieldfisher, London, United Kingdom
- **Claudia BRUSCAGLIONI**, Partner, LMCR Studio legale, Milan, Italy
- **Massimo NOVO**, Head of division, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg, Luxembourg

## 20:00 OPTIONAL DINNER

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Garnisongasse 10, 1090 Wien

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

## 09:00 – 09:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

**Sky Lounge (DG) - Universität Wien**

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## 09:30 – 10:30 MEDIATION: GLOBAL DIVERSITY ON GUIDELINES AND THE GAP BETWEEN MEDIATION THEORY AND PRACTICE

Given the diversity of global theory and practice of mediation, can mediation guidelines offer user and mediator something of practical use? The panel will draw on their experience and reflective practice to consider this question, and to generate suggestions of considerations in bridging the theory-practice gap by mediation centres, practitioners and users.

**MODERATOR & SPEAKER:** ▪ **Isabel PHILLIPS**, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), Berlin, Germany

### SPEAKERS:

- **Natascha TUNKEL**, Knoetzel, Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), Vienna, Austria
- **Ivana NINČIĆ ÖSTERLE**, Executive Director, International Mediation Institute, Belgrade, Serbia
- **Zachary R. CALO**, University Professor, Attorney and mediator and Arbitrator, Doha, Qatar

## 10:30 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

## 10:45 – 11:45 HOW MAY MEDIATION TRANSFORM IP LITIGATION STRATEGY ?

Intellectual property (“IP”) disputes – particularly those involving patents – often are unique in their complexity, and involvement of discreet, technical issues. Resolution of those disputes often requires focusing on specific, technical details to which disputing parties have competing views and claims. Mediators of such disputes need to be able to competently address those issues with the parties and counsel. This session will focus on some of the challenges confronting mediators while mediating IP cases.

**MODERATOR & SPEAKER:** ▪ **Anne-Catherine CHIARINY**, Professor at the University of Montpellier, author of the book “Droit des brevets”, LexisNexis, 2024, Montpellier, France

### SPEAKERS:

- **Isabelle ROMET**, Interspheris SAS, Mediator & Facilitator, Member of AME, registered Bordeaux/Paris Court of Appeal, OMPI mediator, France
- **Wolfgang SCHREINER**, Attorney-at-law, CERHA HEMPEL, Vienna, Austria
- **Cristiano BACCHINI**, Studio Legale Associato Bacchini Mazzitelli, Milan, Italy

## 11:45 – 12:45 TALES FROM THE MEDIATION TRENCHES: PEARLS OF WISDOM HARVESTED FROM PAST MEDIATIONS

MISTAKES... We mediators have all made some! They are perhaps the most effective “opportunities” to learn how to create a better mediation experience for future participants in our mediation process. They often are burned into our minds so that we readily remember what NOT to do the next time. And other times we GET IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME, doing exactly the optimal thing at the optimal time. These panelists will share some of their memorable mistakes – so that you don’t have to make them – as well as experiences when their “gut instincts” moved them to do just the right thing to move a dispute towards a successful resolution. We encourage you to share your own experiences during the session, as well.

**MODERATOR & SPEAKER:** ▪ **Ross W. STODDARD, III**, Attorney-Mediator, Co-President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Dallas, TX, USA

### SPEAKERS:

- **Kim L. KIRN**, Mediator & Arbitrator, US Arbitration & Mediation, St. Louis, MO, USA
- **Lynne NASH**, Attorney-Mediator, Nash Legal Group, Dallas, TX, USA

12:45 – 14:00 LUNCH

### 14:00 – 15:00 INNOVATIVE SETTLEMENTS – WHY MEDIATION IS GOOD ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM

One of the best aspects of mediation is that it allows parties, with the help of the mediator, to design innovative settlements. This is particularly important in disputes where the parties have or want to have an ongoing relationship. This panel will share experiences and ideas on how to get to resolution.

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Lisa SAVITT**, Benchmark International ADR, LLC, Vienna, Austria

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Florian NEUMAYR**, President of the UIA Competition law commission, Managing partner of *bvp Hügel Rechtsanwälte*, mediator of the Energy Community, Vienna, Austria
- **Géraldine CHAPUS-RAPIN**, SKYLINE S.A.M. SA, Attorney (Switzerland and France), SBA mediator, Lausanne, Switzerland
- **Antoine EIGENMANN**, SKYLINE S.A.M. SA, Attorney (Switzerland), SBA specialist in Inheritance Law, SBA mediator, Professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Fribourg, Lausanne, Switzerland

### 15:00 – 15:15 COFFEE BREAK

### 15:15 – 16:15 MEDIATIONS OF PENDING COURT CASES IN AUSTRIA

In 2008, the Vienna Commercial Court recognized the need for mediators who could mediate court-pending cases. Austrian civil courts joined this initiative, which subsequently led to the handling of court-pending cases through mediation, often conducted with the involvement of the parties' lawyers and, if necessary, with experts. Those mediations cover a wide range of fields, inclu-

ding classical civil law, corporate disputes, trademark disputes, patent disputes, antitrust disputes, investor proceedings, etc. This panel will share pragmatically its insights into the mediation process as used in these cases.

**MODERATOR & SPEAKER:** ▪ **Gabriele HORNIG**, Chair of Austrian Association of Mediators for out-of court cases, Vienna, Austria

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Michaela STEINWENDER**, Steinwender & Partner, Vienna, Austria
- **Anna STEINWENDER**, Steinwender & Partner, Vienna, Austria

### 16:15 – 17:15 DEVELOPMENT OF MEDIATION IN AFRICA

Mediation in Africa has evolved to varying degrees throughout the continent. As with most countries, there are differing levels of acceptance of mediation throughout Africa. This panel will enlighten us on the stage of development in the use of mediation throughout various parts of Africa.

**MODERATOR & SPEAKER:** ▪ **Anne Audrey EKONGOLO**, Attorney at law, Cameroun Bar, Douala, Cameroun

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Aminou BOUBA**, Attorney admitted to Meaux Bar, France
- **Brigitte ADA NNENGUE**, President of the « CAMA », SCP CEPFOMEN, Douala, Cameroon

### 17:15 – 17:45 NEWS FROM THE CENTRES

Announcement of the 34<sup>th</sup> UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres

### 20:00 OPTIONAL DINNER

**NENI am Wasser**

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## → LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English**.

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## → REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fees for the Forum are:

☐ EUR 340 (Excl. VAT)\* until December 17, 2024 included

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☐ EUR 180 (Excl. VAT)\* STUDENT REGISTRATION \*\*

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→ Forum documentation

→ Welcome cocktail on Thursday, January 16

→ Coffee breaks on January 17 & 18

→ Lunches on January 17 & 18

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€ 149

Double Room: surcharge of € 20 per night

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**VAT and Breakfast included**

Single room Standard

€ 128,60

Double room Economy - Single occupancy

€ 146,20

Double room Economy - Double occupancy

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**Breakfast and VAT 10% included**

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## → CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

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The contractual relations between the UIA and each participant (delegate or accompanying person) in relation to the seminar are subject to French law and jurisdiction, to the exclusion of any other law. Paris is the city of jurisdiction.

### FORMALITIES

It is the responsibility of participants to ensure compliance with police, customs and health formalities for their journey. Participants unable to take part in the seminar because of their inability to take a flight or any other means of transportation due to being unable to provide the documents required (passport, visa, vaccination certificate, etc.) cannot claim any reimbursement.

### FORCE MAJEURE

“Force majeure” means any events external to the parties, of both an unforeseeable and insurmountable nature that prevents either the client or the participants, or the agency or service providers involved in organising the seminar, from executing all or part of the obligations provided for in the present agreement. By express agreement, such will be the case in the event of a strike affecting the means of transport, hotel staff, air traffic controllers, an insurrection, a riot or any prohibition whatsoever decreed by governmental or public authorities.

It is expressly agreed that for the parties, a case of force majeure would suspend the execution of their reciprocal obligations. At the same time, each of the parties shall bear the burden of all the expenses incumbent upon them, resulting from the case of force majeure.

### HEALTH

The organisers decline any responsibility in case of any health problems existing prior to the seminar that may lead to complications or be aggravated during the entire period of the stay: pregnancy, cardio-vascular problems, any allergies, special diets, any disorders under treatment and not yet consolidated on the day the seminar starts, psychic or mental or depressive illness, etc. (Non exhaustive list).

### PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

Personal data collected is processed by the Union Internationale des Avocats, in its capacity as data controller. The data is used to manage registrations for events organised by the Union Internationale des Avocats.

In accordance with the applicable regulations, you have the right to access, rectify and delete your personal data, as well as the right to data portability. You may also withdraw your consent to the processing of your personal data at any time or request that such processing be restricted.

Finally, you have the right to specify instructions concerning the fate of your data in the event of your demise.





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# Registration Form

## 33<sup>rd</sup> World Forum of Mediation Centres

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 & SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

Register online at [www.uianet.org](http://www.uianet.org)

or please complete and return this form to: [uiacentre@uianet.org](mailto:uiacentre@uianet.org)

UIA (International Association of Lawyers)

■ Tel: +33 1 44 88 55 66 ■ Email: [uiacentre@uianet.org](mailto:uiacentre@uianet.org)

Family Name: .....

First Name: .....

UIA Identification number (if you already have one): M I \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Firm: .....

Address: .....

Post Code: ..... City: .....

Country: .....

Tel: ..... Fax: .....

Email: .....

Date of Birth: .....

EU VAT ID-Number: .....

Special requests (special diet, allergies, handicap...): .....

Arrival/departure times & flight numbers: .....

Hotel: .....

### A. FORUM REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fees for the Forum are:

☐ EUR 340 (Excl. VAT)\* until December 17, 2024 included

☐ EUR 390 (Excl. VAT)\* from December 18, 2024 onwards

☐ EUR 180 (Excl. VAT)\* STUDENT REGISTRATION \*\*

*\* The VAT (20%) can be applied to these amounts according to the European Directive 2006/112/CE of November 28, 2006.*

***If you provide an EU VAT ID number, the VAT will not be charged.** For more information, please contact the UIA.*

*\*\* Reserved for students under 30 years old. Please send a copy of your student card to benefit from the special rate.*

## B. FORUM SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Please indicate below whether you plan to attend the following event **included** in the cost of your registration.

- ☐ Welcome Cocktail – Thursday, January 16      ☐ Lunch – Friday, January 17      ☐ Lunch – Saturday, January 18

## C. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

(**Not included** in the registration fees)

- ☐ Optional Dinner – Friday, January 17  
• Please book ..... person(s) for the dinner      € 70 (Excl. VAT) x \_\_\_ / pers € .....
- ☐ Optional Dinner – Saturday, January 18  
• Please book ..... person(s) for the dinner      € 110 (Excl. VAT) x \_\_\_ / pers € .....
- Total (C) (Excl. VAT) € .....

## D. TOTAL

TOTAL (A) Excl. VAT – Registration Fees      € .....

TOTAL (C) Excl. VAT – Optional Activities      € .....

TOTAL (A+C) Excl. VAT € .....

VAT if applicable (20%)\* € .....

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TOTAL (A+C+VAT) € .....

## E. CANCELLATION CONDITIONS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

I, the undersigned, confirm having read and accepted the cancellation policy and the general terms and conditions given on page 8 of the registration programme. My registration will only be taken into account after receipt of my payment.

The participant is aware that his/her image and/or voice may be recorded or filmed during the entire duration of the Forum and, by signing this registration form, grants UIA the right to use, reproduce and distribute the concerned images and recordings by any known or unknown means and on all types of media, for an unlimited duration, completely free of charge.

The undersigned acknowledges having been informed of the processing of the personal data contained in this form by UIA, as detailed on page 8 of the registration programme.

## F. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- ☐ By bank transfer in **EUR**, without charges to the payee, in favour of the Union Internationale des Avocats, quoting “**2025 VIENNA Forum**”, to the following bank and account:

**Société Générale – Agence Paris Institutionnels – 50 rue d’Anjou – 75008 Paris – France**

**BIC / SWIFT N°: SOGEFRPP**

**IBAN: FR76 3000 3033 9200 0503 4165 164**

**Kindly attach a copy of your bank transfer order to your registration form**

- ☐ By credit card:      ☐ Visa      ☐ Mastercard
- Card N°: \_\_\_\_\_      Expiry date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_      3 digits: \_\_\_\_
- Name of card holder: .....

I authorise the Union Internationale des Avocats to debit the above mentioned credit card in the amount of € (**EUR**) .....

Date: ..... / ..... / .....

Signature: .....