



Interim Report AIBA Ethics Committee

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The Committee Members were formally elected by the AIBA Board early in 2021. Shortly afterwards, the Committee started to work and investigate in relation to the complaints received by AIBA members already in late 2020. In addition, in January 2021, the drafts of the new AIBA Ethics Code and the Procedural Rules were received and discussed by the Committee Members and the AIBA counsels. In the meantime, the AIBA Procedural Rules have been adopted by the AIBA Board and still in May 2021, the new AIBA Ethics Code will be discussed and voted on in the next AIBA Board meeting.

These historical facts show that the Committee is in the middle of a transitional period. After having been appointed, the Members were already involved in structuring the new Codes and Rules and, therefore, the assessing of the received complaints were delayed. This mainly for the two reasons: (1) the investigation was quite complicated as no AIBA Integrity Officer was appointed yet and the Members had to investigate the complaints personally without having direct access to the AIBA data base, and (2) the legal situation was somewhat ambiguous as the investigations were started under the existing (old) Ethics Code, not giving the Committee any possibility to directly decide on possible disciplinary measures, but in view of the changes foreseen in the new Ethics Code.

On 18 May 2021, a Committee meeting was held by video-conference, having the AIBA President joining this meeting. The Members minutes will be published on the AIBA homepage. Important is that the Members decided to wait with the continuation of the complaints until the new AIBA Ethics Code is in force and be able to follow the new rules when assessing the complaints.

In the last months, the Ethics Committee assisted the AIBA Board further with several decisions taken for other AIBA Committees which were not yet formed respectively its members not yet appointed. One example is the appointment of Referees and Judges for international AIBA competitions.

Bern, 21 May 2021

Bernhard Welten, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Welten", is written over the printed name of the Chairman.