

**FOREWORD**

I cannot remember exactly when I felt it would be useful to establish a 'Global Antitrust Review', a journal in the field that would simply be 'different'. It was definitely long time ago. The obvious thing would have been for me to make this journal a home for major scholars and luminaries. The decision not to do this however was a very easy one to make. After all, my interest itself was rather different and my desire was to create an opportunity for competition law students – the next generation of specialists in the field – to develop a variety of key and valuable skills, chief among these the ability to achieve excellence in research and writing. The decision to choose to establish the ICC *Global Antitrust Review* (GAR) as a student journal was therefore the right one to adopt.

Formulating this idea, however, was never going to be sufficient in itself to realise this goal. An enormous task lied ahead to turn GAR into reality. This is where the fantastic and huge efforts by many colleagues and students made all the difference and ensured that this first issue would see the light of the day on 1 July 2008. All of them deserve full credit for their hard work, dedication and support.

Warm congratulations and a big 'well done' must go to the editorial team. In Marsela Maci, Ioannis Kalozymis and Andreas Themelis (as Editors), and Vineet Budhraj, Felipe Garcia and Jutta List (as Assistant-editors), I found a group of superb first-class young scholars. It has been a pleasure and source of pride seeing them execute this enormous task in practice with such diligence. They worked incredibly hard to ensure GAR will be what it is: a global journal. Special recognition should also go to the advisory board, a group of world-class specialists. They committed very early in the process when the whole thing was nothing but a vague and over-ambitious idea. They did an enormous amount of work to ensure this issue would be of the highest quality. Three of my fantastic team of assistants – Amandeep Bhogal, Sara Jameel and Jennifer Watts – who became involved during the last few days before this issue was sent into production made such admirable contribution, which only confirmed the superb skills they enjoy and their outstanding knowledge of competition law. I am truly proud to have taught these three talents. Colleagues at the College were extremely generous and supportive; warm thanks in particular should go to Professor William Wilson for his kind support, to Mr Kaptan Miah for looking after the technical aspect of GAR and to the Queen Mary production team for their good work. I must also thank all of my undergraduate and LLM students (past and current) who – through demonstrating an incredible interest in competition law – keep reminding me that academia is worthwhile. I am extremely fortunate to be surrounded by the best calibre of competition law students. All of my students – individually and collectively – are united in hard to find qualities.

Beyond the GAR team and Queen Mary, University of London, I would like to thank the former President of the European Court of First Instance, Bo Vesterdorf for producing a most interesting article for this issue and for honouring us with his acceptance to deliver the ICC Annual Competition Law and Policy Lecture 2008. Special thanks must also go to the law firms Crowell & Moring and Simmons&Simmons for generous financial support. In particular I would like to thank Dr Werner Berg and Mr Charles Bankes; in both of them the ICC has two major friends and affiliated members.

Five of the articles featuring in this issue are based on presentations made by their authors at the ICC International PhD conference, which was held on 7 March 2008. This event proved to be a resounding success and a unique occasion for students to test their ideas in practice and interact with other students and specialists in the field. I am grateful to Judge Frederic Jenny, Professor David Gerber and Mr Paul Lasok QC for chairing three of the sessions on the day. The conference participants and especially the presenters appreciated such an opportunity enormously. The comments offered by the panel of chairs have clearly contributed towards enhancing the quality of the articles featuring in this issue.

Finally, special thanks should go to present and former colleagues at the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal. They have been extremely supportive of the ICC and its activities this year; in particular Mr Adam Scott who has kindly written an obituary for our late colleague and friend, Ms Marion Simmons QC. Marion was a most loyal friend of the ICC and a most proud alumna of our college. We are proud and honoured to dedicate this issue to her.

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