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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

There has been a focus on rules of one sort or another in the deliberations of the Branch Committee during the past year. This is not the most exciting part of the work of the Committee, but it is necessary and very important.

We have new Branch Rules that govern the organisation and structure due to the changes in the Charter. The Branch Committee has been reviewing these rules to consider whether they require amendment to suit the legal environments in the two jurisdictions covered by the Irish Branch.

The committee is currently reviewing the Irish Branch Arbitration Rules. The present rules have been in place for more than ten years. It should be said that there has been little or no comment made to the Branch Committee about the arbitration rules in recent years. This could be taken to mean that the present rules are working fine and – if it works – don't fix it?

It is important that we consult as widely as possible in these reviews. We would appreciate your comments. The comments of those who have acted as arbitrators and/or party representatives using the Arbitration Rules of the Irish Branch would be especially welcome. Comments can be sent either to the Branch Office or to myself at bridgeman@iol.ie.

James Bridgeman FCI Arb.

Editorial...

As arbitrators are required to send copies of all communications to the parties to arbitration, this can cause the paper work to build up. However, those who have used e-mail for arbitrations are aware of the great advantages that new technology brings to the arbitral process. Instead of ensuring that copies of all correspondence are clipped together for sending off, e-Mail offers the welcome opportunity to hit the "reply all" button. Thus, what can take some time to print off and assemble can be done at a much, much quicker speed.

Members are, of course, strongly recommended to keep back ups of all e-mails. The Branch is anxious to encourage the use of new technology by its members. The office can be contacted at ciarb@arbitration.ie. The Newsletter is now available by e-mail. Accordingly, if you would like to receive the Newsletter by a more user-friendly method and assist with its efficient distribution, please e-mail your details to the office as soon as possible. It would also greatly assist with forwarding of certain information to you, if the office has your up-to-date e-mail address.

Right of Reply

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Annual Dinner 2002 ...

Once again, by kind permission the Branch was honoured to host its annual Dinner at the Royal St. George Yacht Club. The guest of honour this year was the President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Mr. Tony Canham. Tony delivered a most stimulating speech and gave most generously of his time to meet the members and their spouses, partners and guests.

Among the many distinguished guests who graced the dinner with their presence were the President of the High Court, The Attorney General, The Chairman of the Bar Council, The President of the Law Society and the President of the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland. The Branch was also honoured to have the presence of so many of its members. The annual dinner offers the opportunity to renew old friendships and meet newer members. A special word of thanks must go to the many spouses, partners and guests who add to the excitement of the whole event.



Tony Canham, President of Institute of Arbitrators, guest speaker.



James Bridgeman, Chairman Institute of Arbitrators, Irish Branch, with Anthony P. Quinn.



Geraldine Clarke, President of Law Society, with James Bridgeman, Chairman Institute of Arbitrators, Irish Branch.

Membership

A word of welcome to the following who were recently admitted to the Irish Branch.

Mr. A. Moyles	(Dublin)	Mr. V. Tevlin	(Dublin)
Mr. P. McElearney	(Dublin)	Ms. I. O'Regan	(Cork)
Mr. M. Gilroy	(Co. Kildare)	Mr. L. Fenelon	(Dublin)
Mr. J. Thompson	(Co. Down)	Mr. M. Forde	(Dublin)
Mr. D. Irwin	(Co. Wicklow)	Mr. J. Gleeson	(Dublin)
Mr. J. Morgan	(Dublin)	Mr. N. Little	(Co. Antrim)
Mr. W. Craig	(Co. Antrim)	Mr. A. Stafford	(Co. Kildare)
Mr. S. Moylan	(Co. Kilkenny)	Ms. R. Farrell	(Co. Antrim)
Mr. C. Doyle	(Co. Wexford)		