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## The goal of the Vis Middle East Pre-Moot

is to foster the study of international commercial law and arbitration for the resolution of international business disputes by creating opportunities for universities to train their students by participating in moot competitions and enhancing their learning.



The Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR-AAA), in association with the US Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), University of Pittsburgh Center for International Legal Education (CILE), and United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) are proud hosts of the 3rd Annual Willem C. Vis Middle East International Commercial Arbitration Pre-Moot (Vis Middle East Pre-Moot). This competition is a preparatory event for the 20th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot that takes place annually in Vienna, Austria.





## Past participants

The Vis Middle East Pre-Moot provides universities with an opportunity to participate in simulated arbitration hearings and to network with members of other teams. Participating students will receive constructive feedback from practicing arbitrators and legal practitioners. Since its foundation in 2011, the Vis Middle East Pre-Moot has been held successfully for 2 years. The 1st and 2nd Annual Vis Middle East Pre-Moot took place

in Vienna in 2011 and Muscat in 2012 with participants from 8 countries:

- Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport - Egypt
- University of Baghdad
- University of Bahrain
- University of Jordan
- Qatar University
- Sciences de Tunis University
- Sultan Qaboos University
- UAE University



Winning team of 2nd Annual Vis Middle East Pre-Moot, Muscat, 2012

## Teams Competing in the 3rd Annual Vis Middle East Pre-Moot

COUNTRY	UNIVERSITY
Bahrain	University of Bahrain <i>(2012 Runners-up)</i>
Iraq	University of Bagdad
Jordan	University of Jordan <i>(2012 Champion team)</i>
Oman	Sultan Qaboos University
Saudi Arabia	Dar Al Hekma School of Law & Diplomacy
Tunisia	University of Legal, Political & Social Sciences of Tunis Avicenne Private Business School
United Arab Emirates	United Arab Emirates University



## Benefits of participating in the 2013 Vis Middle East Pre-Moot

- **Opportunity for universities** to enhance their students' legal knowledge after attending and participating in simulated arbitration hearings and gaining constructive feedback from practicing arbitrators and legal practitioners from the international legal industry
- **Opportunity for students** to learn valuable skills in presenting oral arguments, advocating for their client, responding to arbitrators' questions, conducting international case law research and analysis, and legal memorandum drafting
- **Offers excellent networking** opportunities with other participants as well as with practicing arbitrators and lawyers from diverse backgrounds
- **Serves as a great platform for headhunting** young talented future Middle East lawyers.

## Language

The event will be conducted in English.

## The Problem

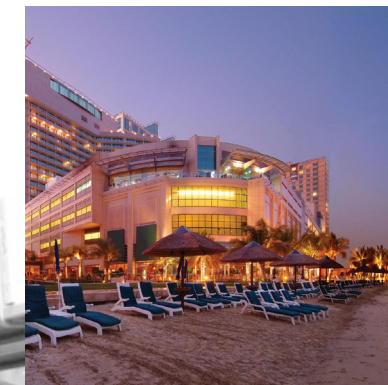
The problem used in the 3rd Annual Vis Middle East Pre-Moot will be the same one used in the 20th Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. The Problem is available here: <http://www.cisg.law.pace.edu/cisg/moot/moot20.pdf>.

## Venue

The 3rd Annual Vis Middle East Pre-Moot will take place in the United Arab Emirates at the Rotana Beach Hotel in Abu Dhabi city.

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## 20th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is a competition for law students. Students from all countries are eligible. The Moot involves a dispute arising out of a contract of sale between two countries that are party to the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). The contract provides that any dispute that might arise is to be settled by arbitration in Danubia, a country that has enacted the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration and is a party to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (NY Convention). The arbitral rules to be applied rotate yearly among the arbitration rules of co-sponsors of the Moot.

The Moot is intended to stimulate the study of international commercial law, especially the legal texts prepared by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and the use of international commercial arbitration to resolve international commercial disputes. The international nature of the Moot is intended to lead participants to interpret international commercial law in light of different legal systems and to develop an expertise in advocating a position before an arbitral panel composed of arbitrators from different legal systems.







Registration fee

This year, there is no fee for participating teams. Universities will need to cover the cost of their team's travel, accommodation, and other expenses to Abu Dhabi for the event.

Filming & Photography

There will be video recording and photographs taken during the event, followed by continuous filming of the Semi Final Rounds, Final Rounds and Awards Ceremony.

Structure of the Vis Middle East Pre-Moot

Sun. 10 Feb. 2013	Mon. 11 Feb. 2013	Tue. 12 Feb. 2013	Wed. 13 Feb. 2013	Thu. 14 Feb. 2013
Oral Argument Training with CILE	Oral Argument Training with CILE	Oral Argument Training with CILE	Vis Pre-Moot General Rounds	Vis Pre-Moot Elimination rounds & Final Rounds followed by Awards Ceremony



19th Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot – Vienna 2012



Team Rules

1. Each participating law institution may enter only one team.
2. Teams must be a part of a law school, university, or an institution that provides law as part of their curriculum.
3. A team is composed of (but not limited to):
  - 3.1 At least one team coach; other faculty members and Deans are also welcome.
  - 3.2 Two or more students registered at the institution (although it is highly recommended to include 4 participating students). This will mirror the experience of the Vis Moot in Vienna.
  - 3.3 There is no maximum limit on the number of students who may be members of the team.
  - 3.4 Students need not be from the country in which the institution is located.
  - 3.5 Students who have been licensed to practice law are not eligible to participate, except with written permission of the Vis Middle East Pre-Moot Project Chair at the BCDR-AAA.
  - 3.6 The winning team of the oral phase of the Vis Pre-Moot is the team that wins the Final Round.
  - 3.7 Each team must submit a written Claimant and Respondent Memorandum in response to the Vis Moot Problem.



Awards & Certificates

Vis Middle East Pre-Moot awards are:

- Championship Team
- Runner-Up Team
- Best Memorandum Claimant
- Best Memorandum Respondent
- Best Individual Oralist Claimant
- Best Individual Oralist Respondent

Certificates will be presented to all team members and arbitrators during the Awards Ceremony on 14th February 2013.



## Registration & Communication

Registration of teams and/or arbitrators may be done online at  
<http://premoot.bcdr-aaa.org>

### For Team Registration

When logged in to the website homepage, click on 'Register as a Team' located at the header and complete the form. It is advised for the coach of the team to complete the form, and ensure team members names are spelled correctly as these names will be printed on badges, certificates and any other event collaterals.

### For Arbitrator Registration

When logged in to the website homepage, click on 'Register as an Arbitrator' located at the header and complete the form. Ensure names are spelled correctly as these names will be printed on badges, certificates and any other event collaterals.

### For Observer Registration

Send an email at the below address.

All communications in regard to the Vis Middle East Pre-Moot should be addressed to:

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