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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE UNIFICATION OF PRIVATE LAW
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RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME

IMPLEMENTATION AS OF 1 DECEMBER 1997

Rome, December 1997

I – Terms of reference

The Unidroit research scholarships programme forms part of the Institute's legal co-operation activities. It was first included in the Unidroit Work Programme for the three-year period 1993-1995 and subsequently extended to cover the period 1996-1998. Each year, the Scholarships Sub-committee of the Governing Council considers the implementation of the Programme (drawing on the scholars' own reports and the state of applications). An outline of the Programme (which was used as publicity to attract applications for 1998) is presented in a leaflet reproduced in Annex I.

II – Achievements and funding

Although, at its inception five years ago (1992), the scholarships programme was launched using funds allocated from the chapter "Legal assistance to developing countries" in the general budget of Unidroit, the longer-term objective is for it to be funded primarily by outside donors. Five years on, the programme is proving a great success, enabling beneficiaries to carry out in-depth research in the fields of uniform and comparative law, the results of which are then applied in their countries of origin. Its financial viability has also been demonstrated, and the experience acquired over the years provides a source of constant improvement.

32 scholars from 25 different countries came to Unidroit between 1992 and 1996. In 1997, 15 scholarships were awarded (some to take place in early 1998) (see the relevant tables in Annex II and Annex III for a case-by-case survey of Unidroit scholars in 1997). A detailed breakdown of the allocation of funds is submitted separately to sponsors of the Programme.

In 1997, the scholarships were financed by voluntary contributions by the **French Government** (for the fourth year running) in support of French-speaking lawyers, by the **Korean Government** and the Seoul-based "**Transnational Law and Business Studies**" (for the first time), by the **Swedish Government** (with a carryover from its 1995 award), by the **Council of Europe** in the framework of its programme of co-operation and assistance aimed at the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (for the second time - Demo-Droit 1997) and by the "**Agence de coopération culturelle et technique (ACCT)**" in Paris. Chapter 11 on "legal assistance to developing countries" of the general budget of Unidroit has also provided funding to give substance to Unidroit's commitment to this initiative and in order to maintain a fair balance where the countries of origin of its scholars are concerned.

The Secretariat wishes on this occasion to express its profound gratitude to the various donors for their support, and stresses that it is concerned at all times that the most rational and open use should be made of the funds placed at its disposal. Logistically speaking, the increase in the number of scholars has facilitated the day-to-day management of the programme; scholars are actively encouraged to meet their own travel costs whenever possible and to find additional sources of funding, either out of their own pockets or through their organisations.

III – Candidates and beneficiaries

The Secretariat has stepped up its efforts to publicise the Programme by contacting Governments and appropriate institutions (mainly universities) in the various countries. While scrupulously complying with the terms and conditions stipulated by individual donors and taking care to observe the general guidelines laid down by the Scholarships Sub-committee, the Secretariat in addition applies a range of criteria such as the research subject, the context and purpose of the research, the academic level of the applicants and their language skills. Scholarships vary in duration from five weeks to three months, depending on the scholars' professional background.

Broadly speaking, both the level and the motivation of beneficiaries of the Programme have been very high. The great majority of scholars have put their stay in Rome to practical uses back home, for example by contributing to the drafting of national legislation or by lobbying the relevant authorities to ratify uniform law texts, by promoting official contacts, by arranging for the inclusion of Unidroit subjects in national teaching curricula, by publishing articles and translating Unidroit materials into their own language, etc. Many of these scholars have remained in close touch with the Institute.

It is worth recalling that Unidroit has established co-operation links with other institutions offering additional research facilities (using either their own or outside sources of funding). In 1997, the existing scheme with the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law in Lausanne was renewed and new links successfully forged with the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

IV – Future perspectives

The dissemination of information on uniform law as an instrument of worldwide legal harmonisation having become a priority concern at Unidroit, and with assistance to developing countries and countries engaged in economic transition in drafting or modernising their legislation likewise high on the Institute's agenda, the research scholarships programme is well worth developing. The computerisation of the Library catalogue and improved technical facilities to optimise access to information will enable researchers to take even greater advantage of the remarkable source of documentation available at the Institute, while the programme also offers valuable experience of the day-to-day life of an organisation specialised in drafting legal instruments at an international level. Finally, an interesting opportunity also exists for scholars to contribute to the *Uniform Law Review*:

Pending the development of an independent financing mechanism (in particular through the Unidroit Foundation), the donors' support continues vital to the Programme. The Unidroit Secretariat therefore looks forward to the continued generosity of all those donors who contributed to the scheme in 1997. The Secretariat is fully confident of the Programme's importance, also in view of its pertinence to Unidroit's statutory objectives, and very much hopes to develop its pool of donors in order to increase the number of scholarships it is able to grant each year.

Annex I - III

Selection

Candidates are selected by the Scholarships Committee (which generally meets in May) or by the Secretary-General acting on its behalf. Several criteria are taken into account, in particular the candidates' degree of qualification (national civil servants, practising lawyers, graduate or post-graduate level academics), the nature of their research projects, which must be in keeping with Unidroit's statutory aims (with preference given to subjects which fit in with the Organisation's work programme), and their practical potential for application in the candidates' countries of origin. Projects relating to the drafting of national laws or which aim at promoting the adoption of uniform law instruments in the scholars' countries of origin are given particular attention. A good working knowledge of English and/or French is indispensable.

Conclusion of the scholarship period

At the end of their stay, scholars submit a report, in English and/or French, on the research they have carried out at Unidroit, the content of which is agreed in advance with the Library Director or the Scholarships Office. Contributions of a sufficiently high scientific level may be published in Unidroit's *Uniform Law Review*.

Rome, September 1996

For further information please write to UNIDROIT (Research Programme), Via Panisperna 28, 00184 Rome, Italy – Fax: (39 6) 6994 1394

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PROGRAMME OF UNIDROIT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Article 1

The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (Unidroit) awards scholarships to lawyers from developing countries and from countries engaged in the process of restructuring their economies for the purpose of conducting research at the Institute in the fields of uniform law and comparative private law.

Periods of research at the Institute shall as far as possible be organised in association with periods spent by scholars at other institutes (comparative law centres, intergovernmental organisations, specialised legal training centres, etc., hereafter referred to as "associate" institutes) so as to offer to scholars the possibility of in-depth study of specific aspects of their research, in accordance with the sphere of competence of each institute.

Article 2

The number and value of the scholarships awarded by Unidroit will depend upon the contributions made by donors of a public and private character. Candidates are encouraged to make a preliminary investigation as to sources of funding, information regarding which shall accompany their application.

Article 3

Applications shall contain precise details regarding the object and purpose of the research to be undertaken and the proposed length of the study period, and shall be accompanied by the necessary supporting documentation (curriculum vitae, testimonials, evidence of investigation as to sources of funding).

Article 4

A committee composed of three members of the Governing Council (the Unidroit scholarships committee) or, in appropriate cases, the Secretary-General, shall be responsible for the awarding of scholarships without having to give reasons for the decision to accept or reject a candidate. Except in special circumstances, preference will be accorded to candidates whose research is directed towards a practical application corresponding to the statutory aims of Unidroit.

The scholarships committee or the Secretary-General shall in each case determine the value and duration of the scholarship which shall as a general rule not exceed three months.

Article 5

During their study period with Unidroit, scholars shall have access to bibliographical material and technical facilities subject to the conditions determined by the Secretary-General.

Scholars shall, as far as possible, be associated with the daily life of the Institute and where appropriate invited to assist the Unidroit Secretariat within their sphere of interest.

Article 6

Unidroit shall co-operate with the associate institutes with a view to ensuring a concerted programme of study periods although Unidroit and the associate institutes shall retain exclusive competence in regard to the periods spent with them under a scholarship awarded by them.

Article 7

At the conclusion of the study period, scholars shall submit to the Unidroit scholarships committee a brief report on the study period spent with Unidroit and, where applicable, with the associate institute. In appropriate cases they shall make available to the Unidroit library a copy of their research work.

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UNIFORM LAW FOR EXPERIENCED LAWYERS: RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

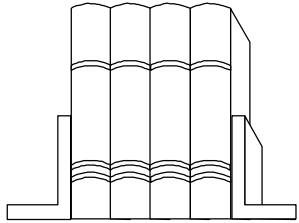
Unidroit is widely known to experts in international private law for its pioneering work in the field of uniform private law. An impressive number of instruments and studies prepared by the Institute form the backbone of positive uniform law applicable to international relations in a wide range of countries all over the world.

In parallel with its efforts in designing uniform law instruments, Unidroit is also aware of the need to improve information and develop research in the field of private law. Reflecting this concern, the Institute operates an active programme of legal co-operation with the developing countries and countries currently undergoing economic reconversion.

The Unidroit **Library** has some 230,000 volumes and 550 contemporary periodicals in the field of

private law (commercial law, comparative law, private international law) covering the main legal systems. It also holds the documents of a wide range of United Nations agencies and other international organisations. The emphasis is

on those areas of the law more particularly in keeping with Unidroit's aims and achievements and the library selection reflects that priority. Applicants whose research deals with such areas of the law will naturally be given priority in the selection process.



Areas of research:

uniform law (in general, regional, internal) • international commercial transactions: contracts in general (e.g. the Unidroit Principles of International Commercial Contracts) and specific contracts (sales, factoring, leasing, franchising, agency, secured transactions etc.) • transport law • tourism law • civil liability • family law • disputes settlements • cultural property law • private international and procedural law.

Research periods at Unidroit

The Unidroit library is a remarkable source of documentation in the field of commercial law, comparative private law and international private law which is open to lawyers from all over the world wishing to conduct individual research. This facility is of interest both to senior university staff, to graduate and post-graduate students and to practitioners, particularly civil servants involved in the legislative reform process. An added bonus to researchers is the opportunity to take part in the day-to-day life of an international organisation and meeting the experts who work there. Priority in this programme is given to lawyers whose research subject tallies with the past and present activities of the Institute (see Library section on the previous page).

Terms of admission

An application should be addressed to the Director of the Library, setting out the reasons for the research and indicating the subject and the period during which the research would be conducted. A working knowledge of English and/or French is a must. Unidroit cannot give financial assistance nor does it, in principle, make any practical arrangements for individual research scholars. However, a letter of acceptance can be issued which may help candidates to apply for funding from academic or other sources in their country of origin.

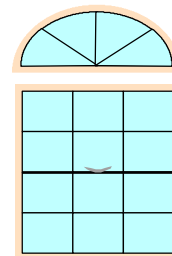
Research Scholarships for Lawyers from Developing Countries and Countries Engaged in the Transition to a Market Economy

Purpose

Each year, Unidroit selects a small number of applicants to benefit from a Unidroit research scholarship. These two-month (on average) scholarships are for the most part funded by outside sources. The grant covers part or all of the cost of living in Rome for the designated period, but beneficiaries are expected to meet their own travel expenses.

Terms of admission

A detailed application should be addressed to the Unidroit Scholarships Office (Via Panisperna 28 - 00184 Rome, Italy) which should include a letter of motivation (indicating the practical potential of the research), a curriculum vitae, a detailed research project and two letters of reference, one of which should be from the applicants' research director.



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	Name	Country	Function	Funding	Unidroit dates	Associated institute 1	Other associated institutions	Research area
B93-I	FARAG Michel	Egypt	Magistrate Court of Appeal, Alexandria	Gov. France	7.XII.1992/3.III.1993 (3 months)	IDLI (3 months)	XXX	Contract law (civil liability-proc.) ¹
B93-II	SHANG Ming	People's Rep. of China	Assistant Director, 1st Div. (Dept. Treaties and Laws) MFERT	Unidroit Budget 92	1/26.II.1993 +30.V/2.VII.1993 (3 months)	Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (Lausanne) (2 months)	CCI (UNCTAD / GATT) (Geneva) (1 week)	Investment law ²
B93-III	KLIMOVA Anastassia	Russian Federation	Civil Servant (Dept. Treaties and Laws) Min. Ext. Trade	Italian Leasing Association (Assilea)	1.IV.93/25.VI.1993 (3 months)	Leasing establishments	Business establishments	Leasing ³
B93-IV	IDESH Evshingiin	Mongolia	Civil Servant (Dept. Treaties and Laws) Min. Trade & Industry	UNDP (<i>ad personam</i>)	(2 weeks)	IDLI (17 weeks)	CJI, Acc. The Hague (1 week) Business establishments (2 weeks)	Introduction to uniform private law ⁴
B93-V	BAKKOUR El Mokhtar	Morocco	Lecturer – researcher (comm. and maritime law). Faculty of Law, Rabat	Gov. France Royal Air Maroc	Sept-Nov 1993 (2½ months)	XXX	XXX	Maritime law air law ⁵

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- 1 "The compensation judge and economic and monetary change: a study of comparative law " (article).
2 "The principle of domestic procedure and Chinese legislation on foreign investment" (article).
3 "The legal and practical aspects of the activities of leasing establishments in Italy" (article).
4 An introduction to uniform private law: sponsored research.
5 "Air transport law in Morocco: the case for uniform modernisation (article).

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B94-I	ARSIC Jasna (24.IV.1966)	Bosnia- Herzegovina	Assistant. Faculty of Law, Erasmus University, Rotterdam	Erasmus University Rotterdam (<i>ad personam</i>) / Unidroit	May 1994 (1 month)	Erasmus University Rotterdam	International franchising (*)
B94-II	VAICIUS Vaidotas (4.XI.1966)	Lithuania	Assistant, Dept. of Int'l and Comparative Law, Faculty of Law (Vilnius), Adviser to the Lithuanian Government	Government of Sweden	June/July 1994 (2 month)	Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (Lausanne) (2 months)	United Nations Convention on contracts for the international sale of goods (**)
B94-III	BOJARS Juris (1938)	Latvia	Director, Institute of International Relations (Riga)	Government of Sweden	Oct./Nov. 1994	xxx	Documentary research in prep. for the drafting of a treaty on private int'l law (**)
B94-IV	ITOUA Vincent (26.XI.1948)	Congo	Adviser to the Ministry of Culture; Profssor at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration et de Magistrature (ENAM – Brazzaville)	Cultural and Technical Cooperation Agency (ACCT) – Paris	Oct./Dec. 1994 (3 months)	xxx	Mobile securities and the harmonisation of the law (**)
B94-V	Malina NOVKIRICHKA (21.XI.1962)	Bulgaria	Adviser to the Council of Ministers Assistant, University of Sofia	Government of France, 1993	Nov. 1994 (1 month)	xxx	Bankruptcy law (rehabilitation of businesses) (**)
B94 – AP	ZANG JIANMING (18.IV.1959)	China	Official; Study Bureau; Chinese Patents Office	Italian Government <i>ad personam</i>	Nov. 1994 – Sept. 1995 (1 year)	xxx	Industrial property law

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Brief description of the research period.

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"Securities for mobile equipment and the harmonisation of business law in the franc zone countries" (article).

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B95-I	DE ANDRADE VIEIRA LOUREIRO Luiz Guilherme (5.XI.1960)	Brazil	Magistrate at the Tribunal of Atibaia (SP)	Chap. 11 Unidroit Budget 1994	January/February 1995 (2 months)	XXX	Protection of cultural property ⁽¹⁾
B95-II	LLINAS VOLPE Marco Aurelio (29.IV.1963)	Colombia	Professor and researcher at the Université Externado (Bogota) Legal Adviser to Avianca	French Government	21 February / 3 May 1995 (2 ½ months)	XXX	Leasing and the aviation sector ⁽²⁾
B95-III	GURAU Calin (18.VII.1969)	Romania	Assistant professor, Faculty of Law and Economics, Oreada; Marketing adviser to the Employers' Federation (Bihor)	Cultural and Technical Cooperation Agency (ACCT), Paris	2 May / 18 June 1995	IDLI (Rome) 2 weeks	Distribution law
B95-IV	SVIDRON Jan (15.VI.1952)	Slovakia	Assistant Professor (civil law) at Comenius University; Adviser to the Ministry of Culture (intellectual property)	French Government	1 July / 12 August 1995 (1 ½ months)	XXX	The UNIDROIT Principles (general study and translation into the Slovak language)
B95-V	VILKOVA Nina (24.IX.1943)	Russian Fed.	Scientific collab., Ministry of Justice; Prof. at the Academy of External Trade	French Government (subject to confirmation)	2 months (Sept./Oct.)	Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (2 months)	The new Conventions and their impact on legislative reform in Russia

(1) International protection of cultural property: a new perspective (from the Unesco Convention to the Unidroit Convention) (final version in Portuguese now being edited).

(2) Leasing and international aviation financing (final version in Spanish now being edited).

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B95-VI	JOKS Eve (09.X.1969)	Estonia	Adviser, Dept. of Int'l Law, Ministry of Justice Tallinn	Swedish Government	5 weeks (October)	xxx	International instruments on international mutual legal assistance
B95-VII	IKLA Jaanus (16.XI.1971)	Estonia	Senior Adviser, Dept. of Civil Law, Ministry of Justice (Tallinn)	Swedish Government	5 weeks (November)	xxx	Law of obligations (comparative law, with a view to domestic legislative reform)
B94 – AP (cont'd)	ZANG JIANMING (18.IV.1959)	China	Official; Study Bureau; Chinese Patents Office	Italian Government <i>ad personam</i>	Nov. 1994 – Sept. 1995 (1 year)	xxx	Industrial property law

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	Name	Country	Function	Funding	Unidroit dates	Research area
B96-I	SKANDER Zouhair (25.XI.1954)	Tunisia	Magistrate, Adviser on legislative reform, Ministry of Justice (Tunis)	Unidroit Budget (1995)	January (1 month)	The extrajudicial settlement of claims arising from road accidents
B96-II	DACHRAOUI Hatem (15.II.1961)	Tunisia	Magistrate (Cantonal Judge of Ariana)	Unidroit Budget (1995)	February (1 month)	Private professional corporations
B96-III	ERAWATY Elly (26.VII.1960)	Indonesia	Professor, Univ.of Bandung and Jakarta; Research at the National Agency for Legal Development, Ministry of Justice (Jakarta)	Unidroit Budget (1996)	March-April	Leasing et competition law (preparation for legislative reform and promotion of uniform law instruments)
B96-IV	SJANITS Atis (12.X.1964)	Latvia	Under-Secretary of State, Head of the Dept. of Int'l Law – Min. of Foreign Affairs (Riga)	Swedish Government	21 March – 7 April	Unidroit Instruments and their integration into the Latvian legal system
B96-V	MIKELENAS Valentinas (1952)	Lithuania	Attorney; Rector of the Faculty of Law (Vilnius)	Swedish Government	3-27 April	Unidroit Principles and the reform of the civil code in Lithuania
B96-VI CE96-I	KRAVCHENKO Oleg (21.II.1971)	Belarus	Second Secretary Legal Service Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Council of Europe	May-June	Jurisdictional immunity of States (private law aspects)
B96-VII	BIRIOUKOV Alexander (25.IV.1957)	Ukraine	Attorney; Assistant Professor Centre for Law Studies University of Kiev	Council of Europe	July-August	Bankruptcy law, comparative law and legislative reform

IMPLEMENTATION 1996 (continued)

B96-VIII CE96-III	SAJKO Kresimir (14.II.1935)	Croatia	Director, Institute of International and Comparative Law (Zagreb)	Council of Europe	September	The Unidroit Convention on Stolen and Illegally Exported Cultural Objects
B96-IX	BILAL SOOFI Ahmer	Pakistan	Attorney, Adviser on Int'l Law to the President of the Society for Research on International Law (Lahore)	Unidroit Budget (1996)	September	The Unidroit Conventions on Leasing and Factoring (opinion)
B96-X CE96-IV	KRISPER-KRAMBERGER Marija	Slovenia	Magistrate, Supreme Court Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana	Council of Europe	October	Ownership law and its limitations, from a public interest point of view: comparative law aspects
B96-XI	FLORESCU Eugenia (11.VI.1950)	Romania	Assistant Professor (commercial law) University of Sibiu	French Government (part-funding)	October/November	Legal instruments to facilitate capital movements
B96-XII	PEDROZA NAVARRO Angel (1.X.1966)	Mexico	Associate Professor, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México	French Government	October/November	New trends in private international law: the 1995 Italian Act on PIL
B96-XIII	BUCHWALD, Paulina	Poland	<i>Doctoranda</i>	Council of Europe	25 Oct./20 Dec.	International protection of cultural property (comparative law aspects)
B96-XIV	BERKE, Barna (19.III.1966)	Hungary	Assistant Professor Eötvös Loránd University	Council of Europe	20 Nov./20 Dec.	Incorporation of EC company law into national legislation

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B97-I	SORIA MENDOZA Alfonso (5.VIII.1964)	Columbia	Professor (International Private Law) University Externado de Colombia (Bogotá)	French Government (partial)	February / April	Competition law in a international and comparative perspective, and more specifically in the framework of the different integration systems of Latin America.
B97-II KO97-I ACCT	ANOUKAHA François (13.XI.1955)	Cameroun	Professor at the University of Yaoundé II	Transnational Law and Business Studies, Seoul "Agence de Coopération Culturelle et Technique"	June / August	Security interest legislation in the Uniform OHADA Act in regard to the world evolution of business law
B97-III CE97-I	IVANOV Diman (28.12.1970)	Bulgaria	Assistant Professor, Plovdiv University	Council of Europe	June, The Hague September, Rome	Comparison between the Bulgarian legislation and the EEC legislation on foreign judgements in civil and commercial matters Unidroit Convention on cultural property
B97-IV FR-I	OLARU Maura (5.XI.1957)	Rumania	Judge, Vice President at the Tribunal of Bucharest Lecturer, National Institute of Magistrates	French Government Swedish Government (partial)	July / August	Comparison of the different European systems of commercial justice
B97-V CE97-II	ALSULA Ardita (10.VII.1971)	Albania	Responsible for overseeing the terms and conditions of all Albanian prisoner sentences Ministry of Justice (Tirana) Lecturer, Tirana University	Council of Europe	July / August	Maritime Law: Course preparation for Tirana University First approach to the drafting of a national legislation
B97-VI	MADRUGA Antenor (18.X.1969)	Brazil	Attorney of the Brazilian Federal Government Professor, University of Rio Grande do Norte	Unidroit Budget (partial)	August / December	International and domestic regulations regarding commercial agency relationships
B97-VII CE97-III	NAPIERALA Jacek (19.III.1947)	Poland	Professor, Poznan University	Council of Europe	September	Contractual liability under the U.N. Convention on contracts for the International Sale of Goods

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B97-IX FR-II	PRADO Mauricio (25.V.1967)	Brazil	Lawyer, Sao Paulo	French Government	September / November	Comparative study between Italian and Brazilian legislation and the hardship theory in the Unidroit Principles and the European Principles
B97-X CE97-IV	TRATAR Bostjan (5.12.1973)	Slovenia	Intern at the High Court of Ljubljana	Council of Europe	October, Rome November, The Hague	Unidroit Principles and International Private Law
B97-XI	DING Ding (18.I.1967)	China	Professor at the International Business and Economics University, Beijing	Unidroit Budget	November / January 1998	Comparison between the Chinese draft legislation on contracts and Unidroit Principles

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1998 forecast (candidates accepted by the Scholarships Committee during the 1997 session)

B97-XII KO-II	VALEDON Carlos (22.X.1965)	Venezuela	Lawyer Director of the Venezuelan and French Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture	Korean Government	January / February 1998	Unidroit Principles
B97-XIII	FRESNEDO Cecilia (1.XI.1951)	Uruguay	Professor, Universidad de la República, & Universidad católica, Lawyer, Montevideo	Unidroit Budget	January / February 1998	The Conventions that unify Private Law and their incidence in Domestic Legislation Joint project with Prof. Noodt Taquela
B97-XIV	NOODT TAQUELA Maria Blanca (18.VI.1952)	Argentina	Professor, Buenos Aires	Unidroit Budget	January / February 1998	The Conventions that unify Private Law and their incidence in Domestic Legislation Joint project with Prof. Fresnedo
B97-XV KO-III	HASAN Adil (25.IX.1963)	Sudan	Head of the Commercial Law department, Khartoum University	Korean Government	January / February 1998	Civil liability et road transport
B97-XVI KO-IV	LEJNIEKS Maris (15.I.1969)	Latvia	Assistant Professor, Riga University	Korean Government	February / March 1998	Enforcement of maritime liens in Latvia in the context of international practice

PRESENTATION OF UNIDROIT SCHOLARS
(6 January 1997 - 31 December 1997)

SORIA MENDOZA, Alfonso, born 5.VIII.1964, Colombia

Unidroit/B97-I: 3 months (II - IV. 1996) (funding: French Government)

Function/Profession:	Professor of Private International Law, University Externado de Colombia, Bogotá
Training:	DEA in international economical relations and Community law; PhD thesis underway
Research subject:	Competition law in an international and comparative law perspective and more specifically within the framework of the different integration systems of Latin America
Linkages:	Preparation of PhD. Preparation of University courses

ANOUKAHA, François, born 13.XI.1955, Cameroon

Unidroit/B97-II: 3 months (VI- VIII. 1997) (financing: Transnational Law and Business Studies, Seoul, Agence de Coopération Culturelle et Technique)

Function/Profession:	Professor, Yaoundé II University
Training:	Agrégé in private law and criminal sciences, African and Malagasy Council for Graduate Studies
Research subject:	Security interests law in the OHADA uniform Act from the viewpoint of the world evolution of business law
Linkages:	Provide OHADA with elements to improve the security interests system

IVANOV, Diman, born 28.XII.1970, Bulgaria

Unidroit/B97-III - CE/B-I: 9 weeks (9-28 VI.97, The Hague 10.IX - 06.X.97, Rome) (financing: Council of Europe)

Function/Profession:	Assistant Professor at Plovdiv University
Training:	Degree in law
Research subject:	Comparison between the Bulgarian legislation and the EEC legislation on foreign judgements in civil and commercial matters. Unidroit Convention on cultural property
Linkages:	Preparation of university courses - Preparation of a conference to be held in Sofia on the subject of cultural goods protection

OLARU, Maura, born 5.XI.1957, Romania

Unidroit/B97-IV: 2 months (VII - VIII.1997) (partial financing: Swedish Government, French Government)

Functions/Profession: Judge, Vice - President at the Tribunal of Bucharest. Lecturer, National Institute of Magistrates
Training: Degree in law
Research subject: Comparison of the different European systems of commercial justice
Linkages: Teaching for the Judges of the Tribunal de Bucharest and for the National Institute of Magistrates. Writing of articles

ALSULA, Ardita, born 10.VII.1971, Albania

Unidroit/B97-V - CE/B-II: 2 months (VII - VIII.97) (financing: Council of Europe)

Functions/Profession: Responsible for overseeing the terms and conditions of all Albanian prisoner sentences, Ministry of Justice (Tirana)Lecturer, Tirana University
Training: Master of Law, London School of Economics; PhD thesis underway
Research subject: Maritime Law: Course preparation for Tirana University. First approach to the preparation of the drafting of a national legislation
Linkages: PhD thesis; preparation of a course for Tirana University

MADRUGA, Antenor, born 18.X.1969, Brazil

Unidroit/B97-VI: 5 months (VIII-XII.1997) (partial financing: Unidroit Budget)

Functions/Profession: Attorney of the Brazilian Federal Government; Assistant Professor, University of Rio Grande do Norte
Formation: Degree in commercial law; PhD thesis underway
Research subject: International and domestic regulations regarding commercial agency relationships
Linkages: PhD thesis

NAPIERALA, Jacek, born 19.III.1947, Poland

Unidroit/B97-VII - CE/B97-III: 1 month (September) (financing: Council of Europe)

Functions/Profession: Professor, Poznan University
Training: PhD, Poznan University
Research subject: Contractual liability under the U.N. Convention on contracts for the International Sale of Goods
Linkages: Preparation of a monograph on the subject as well as articles

PRADO, Mauricio, born 25.V.1967, Brazil

Unidroit/B97-VIII: 3 months (September /November 1997) (partial financing: French government)

Functions/Profession: Lawyer, Sao Paulo

Training: DESS of international commercial law, University of Paris X; PhD thesis underway
Research subject: Comparative study between Italian and Brazilian legislation and the hardship theory in the Unidroit Principles and the European Principles
Linkages: PhD thesis

TRATAR, Bostjan, born 5.XII.73, Slovenia

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Linkages: PhD thesis

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