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## 05/06 OCTOBER 2023

# A think tank specialised in Football Law



## About AIAF

The International Association of Football Lawyers is a forum for the exchange of information and experience between lawyers specialized in this field. The Association aims to value and assert the activity and image of football lawyers.

## Missions and Activities

AIAF intends to be a main referent with the public and private authorities which regulate football and to actively take part in the development of international and national football regulations.

AIAF's mission is to emphasize the expertise of lawyers and their professional ethics with all the actors of football, particularly the clubs, the players, the agents, the sponsors, the national and international authorities of football and the public authorities. To achieve this mission, we think that it is crucial to develop the exchanges of knowledge and experience between lawyers specialized in the field of football from all the countries and the continents. To achieve this goal, AIAF provides intranet service for

its members, with a forum and privileged access to information, cases, decisions, regulations and publications.

The AIAF members are encouraged to participate in discussions on any specific subjects in football law through different task groups.

AIAF organizes an annual Congress focusing on a relevant theme in football law, which is held every time in a different country.



## Who are the members of the AIAF?

AIAF gathers lawyers from all countries whose point of mutual interest is their professional practice in the field of football and who want to create and develop a professional network in order to exchange views and reflect on football law.



# Words of AIAF President



## Patricia Moyersoen

Patricia Moyersoen has been a lawyer at the Paris Bar since 1985. She founded and has managed Moyersoen Avocats since 1988.

She advises numbers of French football clubs, as well as sports federations, athletes, and sports agents both before ordinary courts and before national and international sports bodies (UEFA, FIFA, CAS).

She served as a member of the UEFA Appeals Body between 2011 and 2015 and as arbitrator at the Chamber of Sport Arbitration, under the aegis of the French National Olympic Committee.

Patricia Moyersoen is President of the International Association of Football Lawyers (AIAF).

She is a board member of Wislaw (Women in Sports Law) as well as the French Sports Lawyers Association (AADS).





## 10<sup>th</sup> AIAF Congress – Bordeaux 2023

The Association Internationale des Avocats du Football (AIAF) is the first and only “think tank” created by lawyers specialising in football law. Analysing, comparing and proposing ideas are the main motivations that led us to create and join this international thinktank. Our aim is to share our experience and work with all those involved in football on the development of international football law by questioning and proposing concrete recommendations to the governing bodies for improving this global system.

Today, the AIAF brings together more than 130 lawyers specialising in football law, spread across five continents and 37 countries. Each year, the AIAF organises a Congress, which is a forum for open debate and gives all its members the opportunity to meet and discuss with the key players in football law through round table discussions.

The AIAF Congresses are also an opportunity for lawyers who are not members of the association, as well as in house counsels, young lawyers or students, to meet and exchange views with the leading practitioners in our industry, and to learn about their day-to-day professional practice.

Last year, we had the great pleasure of meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, thanks to our dear colleague Marcos MOTTA and his firm. Their commitment allowed us to make this event a great success.

This year, thanks to our major partner Football Legal, we have the immense privilege of organising the 10<sup>th</sup> AIAF Congress in France, in the superb city of Bordeaux.

As a symbol, we have decided to return to France 10 years after the first AIAF Congress was held in Paris.

After travelling the world, from Buenos Aires to Istanbul, from Abu Dhabi to Kiev, from Lausanne to Cairo and from Seville to Rio, the AIAF Congress is back where it all began.

We will therefore be celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AIAF in Bordeaux, with a Congress bringing together the best experts in football law, whether AIAF members or not, as well as representatives of governing bodies and football stakeholders, such as FIFA, FIFPRO, World Leagues Forum and many others who have placed their trust in us for a long time.

We would like to thank them all. We would also like to thank the nine law firms of French AIAF members who have agreed to support this Congress as partners. We would also like to thank the prestigious Châteaux Montrose and Tronquoy Lalande, who will be hosting the AIAF family on Saturday 7 October and who will enable all the members to meet up in Saint-Estèphe for a tour of the châteaux and a tasting of their incredible wines.

Looking back, we realise that we have come a long way. For the second year in a row, the AIAF was hosted in Zurich by FIFA for workshops. Recognising the importance of the AIAF as an organisation with much to say and much to collaborate on to improve rules and practices, FIFA literally opened its doors in June 2022 and 2023 to listen to the AIAF’s suggestions on the current regulatory framework and discuss the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The details of this cooperation will be discussed at our Congress in Bordeaux, along with an essential overview of FIFA’s latest developments.

The Congress will also address topics that are often little discussed, but which are nonetheless crucial, such as Football and War, Football and Governments, and Football and Politics. Other topics are self-evident in the light of the latest trends, such as the European Super League, Multi-Club Ownership and the New Regulations on Football Agents.

In short, there’s plenty of lively discussion to look forward to...

So we very much look forward to seeing you all in Bordeaux and celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> AIAF anniversary in style.

Cheers!

**Patricia Moyersoën**  
AIAF President – Paris

## Words of the Organisers

On behalf of the Organising Committee, we would like to welcome all members of the AIAF to its 10<sup>th</sup> Congress in France.

As a scientific partner of the AIAF since its creation, we are thrilled to welcome you to our beautiful city of Bordeaux.

We are also proud that the top names in football law and football’s key players will be gathered for this AIAF Congress, and not just any AIAF Congress, as we will be celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the association.

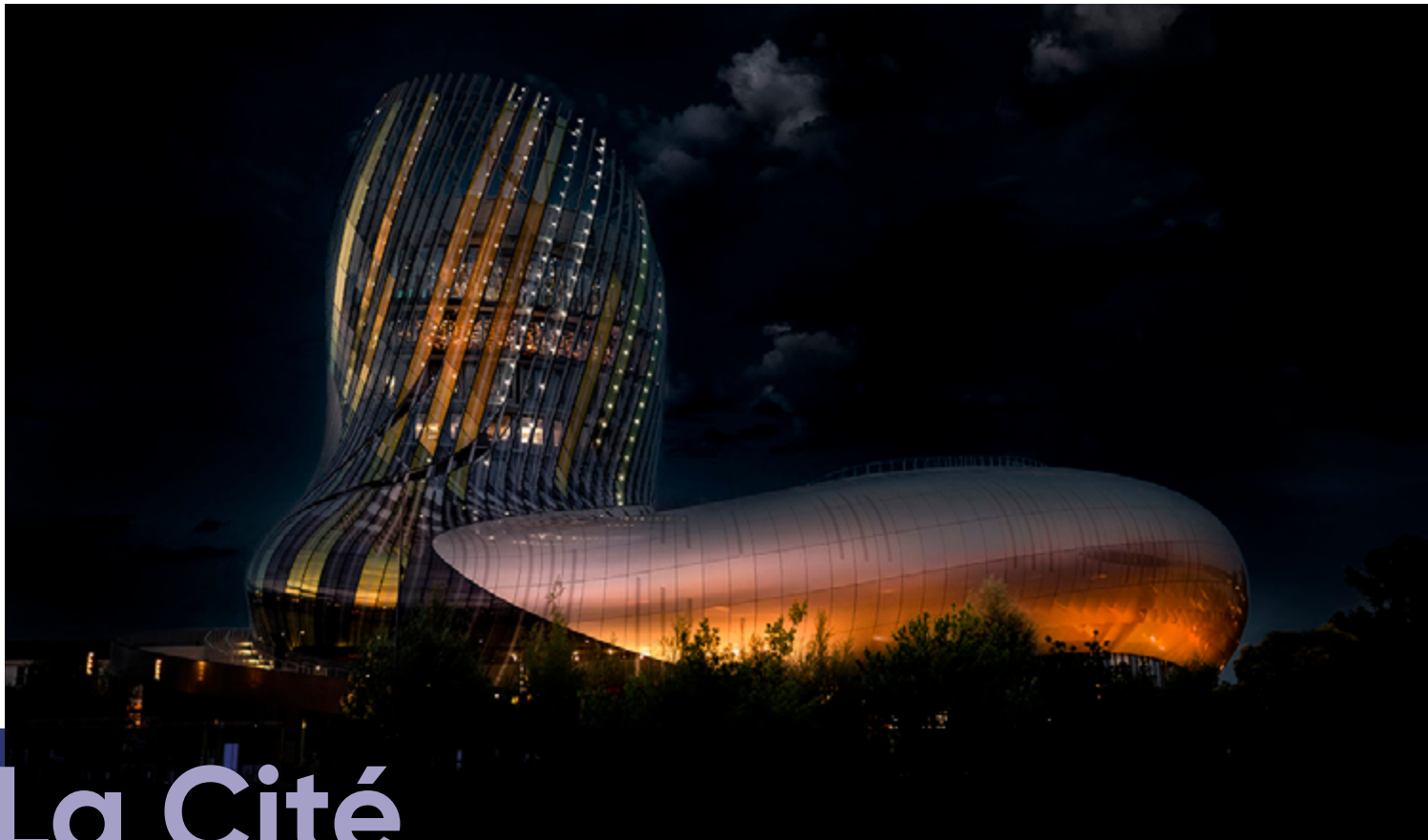
You can expect a stimulating, fruitful and enjoyable stay in Bordeaux. We look forward to welcoming you to the 10<sup>th</sup> AIAF Congress!



**Alexandre DURAND**  
CEO of Football Legal  
Bordeaux – France



**Ronan DAVID**  
Publishing Director  
of Football Legal  
Bordeaux – France



# La Cité du Vin

Your venue to the 10th AIAF Congress.

On the banks of the Garonne, this modern building in the shape of a "carafe" is a tribute to local know-how and tradition.

La Cité du Vin hosts several exhibitions, conferences in its auditorium, a panoramic restaurant, afterworks and tastings among many other activities related to the wine and its culture.



## Bordeaux

As the AIAF celebrates its 10th edition of the Congress, its signature event, we wished to come back to the place of birth of the association: France.

### A top location for business and tourism

The city of Bordeaux has an extremely rich landscape and it is an attractive place for tourism. The downtown buildings symbolises the excellence sought by 18th century French architects.

Bordeaux is also a very dynamic city with many companies operating in a wide range of industries.

### A crossroads between sea, mountains and countryside

The city would be nothing without its land and its surroundings. Bordeaux stands on the banks of a river, but also in the heart of a rich region known worldwide for its vineyards and its gentle way of life.

The coast is just a few kilometres from the city, and beautiful landscapes are within reach if the curious would like to discover what happens outside the city walls.





# Programme



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## DAY 01 → 05 October 2023

### 9:00 Welcome Speeches

Patricia Moyersoen, Lawyer, AIAF President  
Véronique Garcia, Councillor, City of Bordeaux

### 9:15 Round-table 1 → Football and War

*The war in Ukraine has been raging since 2014 and even more so since February 2022 and the Russian military operations throughout Ukraine. Beyond the dramatic consequences common to any war, football is also affected by this type of event, which involves many legal issues: maintaining competitions, enforcing contracts, etc. This round-table will analyse the legal challenges posed by war and the different ways to face them.*



**Moderator:** Yuliya Bogdanova, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Kiev

**Speakers:**

Mikhail Prokopets, Lawyer – Moscow  
Andrey Kharitonchuk, Head of Shakhtar Legal Department – Kiev  
Breno Tannuri, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Sao Paulo  
Anna Smirnova, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Zurich

### 10:30 Round-table 2 → Football and Governements

*FIFA is strict on the principle that all national associations must be autonomous and thus free from governmental and judicial interference in their respective countries in order to conduct their football activities independently. Sri Lanka, India, Congo DR, Pakistan, El Salvador, etc. These are just a few examples of the many countries in which national associations have recently been suspended, sometimes with the appointment of normalisation committees. An overview of the legal issues involved in these highly sensitive procedures.*



**Moderator:** Patricia Moyersoen, Lawyer, AIAF President – Paris

**Speakers:**

Chris Anderson, Former Head of UK Government Independent Review of Football Governance  
Reyes Bellver, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Madrid  
Jean-Jacques Nouyadjam, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Yaoundé

### 11:30 Coffee break

### 12:00 Round-table 3 → Football and Politics

*Human rights, religion, non-discrimination, racism, freedom of speech... These are all concepts that should not encroach on the field of play. And yet they are increasingly present in today's football world. Here we take a look at the legal issues raised by the relationship between football law and these highly political subjects.*



**Moderator:** Joëlle Monlouis, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Paris

**Speakers:**

Jérôme Perlemuter, General Secretary, World Leagues Forum  
Sarah Gregorius, Director Global Policy & Strategic Relations Women's Football, FIFPRO  
Nasr El Din Azzam, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Cairo

### 13:00 Quick lunch

14:30

**Round-table 4** → **European Super League – What Now?**

*The European Super League case will soon reach its conclusion before the European Court of Justice. Either way, the long-awaited decision will have crucial implications for all those involved in football. The legal impacts are also likely to be significant. This round-table discussion will provide a clearer picture of all these issues.*



**Moderator:** Alexandre Durand, CEO, Football Legal

**Speakers:**

Katarina Pijetlovic, General Secretary, Union of European Clubs

Francesco Martucci, Law Professor, University Panthéon-Assas Paris 2

Andrea Bozza, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Milan

15:30

**Coffee break**

16:00

**Round-table 5** → **Multi-Club Ownership**

*Multi-Club Ownership is a concept that has become central to the football industry in recent years. All over the world, companies own a constellation of clubs, with various objectives. The AIAF M&A Group will host this roundtable discussion with leading experts to shed light on the legal aspects of MCO.*



**Moderator:** Jacques Messeca, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Paris

**Speakers:**

Gianluca Cambareri, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Rome

Nicolas Blanc, Founder of Sport Value

Fernando Veiga Gomes, AIAF Member – Lisbon

19:30

**Gala dinner at Le Siman**





## DAY 02 → 06 October 2023

10:00

### **Round-table 6** → **Football and Court of Arbitration for Sport**

*(Summary Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AIAF-FIFA Workshop)*

*In June 2023, for the second year in a row, FIFA will host the AIAF in Zurich for a new workshop, this year dedicated to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The expertise and experience of AIAF's 120+ lawyers and its close cooperation with FIFA allow it to be considered an important partner in the improvement of football rules and practices. The details of this cooperative effort will be addressed in this round-table.*



**Moderator:** **François Klein**, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Paris

**Speakers:**

**Juan de Dios Crespo**, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Valencia

**Miguel Liétard**, Director of Litigation, FIFA

**Giovanni Maria Fares**, Counsel, CAS

11:00

### **Round-table 7** → **FIFA Regulations on Football Agents**

*In October 2023, the brand new FIFA Football Agent Regulations will fully come into force. These new regulations have been much discussed and promise to revolutionise the world of football agents. However, some legal questions have yet to be addressed and need to be clarified. This round-table will be dedicated to all these points.*



**Moderator:** **Pedro Macieirinha**, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Vila Real

**Speakers:**

**Jan Kleiner**, Director of Football Regulatory, FIFA

**Gordon Stipic-Wipfler**, Joint-CEO, Unique Sports Group

**Stefano La Porta**, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Rome

12:00

### **Coffee break**

12:30

### **Round-table 8** → **Latest news on other new FIFA regulations**

*An insight into FIFA's latest and future innovations: New training and solidarity system, Full implementation of the Clearing House, Updated version of Article 17 of the FIFA RSTP, Protection of well-being of female players, etc.*



**Moderator:** **Ariel Reck**, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Buenos Aires

**Speakers:**

**Emilio Garcia Silvero**, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer, FIFA

**Alexandra Gomez Bruinewoud**, Senior Legal Counsel, FIFPRO

**Carol Couse**, Lawyer, AIAF Member – Manchester

13:30

### **Closing Remarks**

14:00–16:00

### **Lunch + AIAF General Assembly (AIAF members only)**



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