

NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. CONFERENCE

Dr Malcolm Smith a director of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration represented the Centre at the "Dispute Resolution in the Asia/Pacific Region" conference arranged by The American Arbitration Association in San Francisco during September, 1986. ■

SECRETARIAT—QUEENSLAND CHAPTER

Members, particularly those in Queensland, are advised of the change of address and telephone number of the Queensland Chapter secretariat listed on the back cover of the Journal. ■

THE MODEL LAW

Mr John B. Dorte, Senior Vice-President of the Institute has been appointed to a Working Group arranged by the Attorney General's Department, Canberra to consider the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration. ■

1987 EXAMINATIONS

Entries are now being received from those members who have attended both a General Arbitration Course and an Advanced Arbitration Course arranged by the Institute and who wish to sit for the Grading examination on 16 February, 1987. ■

1987 CONFERENCE

During 1987 the Institute will conduct a Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand. Further infor-

mation will be made available to members as plans evolve and arrangements are finalised. It is hoped to include optional post conference tours in the programme. ■

UNIFORM ARBITRATION LEGISLATION

Members are advised that the Commercial Arbitration Bill 1986 has been introduced into both the South Australian and Tasmanian Parliaments. In each instance the legislation follows closely the Victorian Arbitration Act 1984.

The legislation is expected to be passed without undue delay and subsequently receive Royal Assent. ■

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

- 69 countries including Australia have ratified or acceded to the U.N. Arbitration Convention of 1958 (known as the New York Convention).
- 86 countries have ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes 1965 (known as the ICSID Convention). The list does not include Australia which has only signed the Convention but not ratified it.

A list of countries signing and/or adhering to Transnational Arbitration Treaties is available from the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration in Melbourne. ■