

## **EDITORIAL BOARD'S MESSAGE**

In a quickly developing legal environment, the present issue tried to cover topics that have triggered much of the competition law scholars' and practitioners' attention. All contributions have been carefully selected, so that they reflect the aim of the GAR to bring together outstanding discussions on competition law and policy from around the world.

In this spirit, this year's topics are quite diverse and controversial. Information exchange among competitors, patent settlement disputes and private labels are the three issues covered in the articles. All the authors provided an excellent legal insight on the current state of art and the economic theories behind each topic offering at the same time their own opinion on the proper way to 'push' the law further either by creatively interpreting the existing rules or by drawing some inspiration from the US practice, or by examining the current case law on these hotly-debated topics. Procedural developments in the field of competition law are also covered in this volume. The CJEU's recent ruling on the standing of the Commission to bring an action for damages incurred by the European Union because of a competition law breach is expected to further pave the way for private enforcement of the antitrust rules. Finally, an international 'touch' is provided by an interesting contribution on the challenges the Pakistan's competition regime faces, while a case comment from Malta sheds some light on the role of the competition authority in competition litigation before the national tribunals.

At this point, we should say a big 'thank you' to all the referees for their invaluable feedback and comments and for the time they devoted to thoroughly read through all the contributions submitted. We are very happy to have received a lot of requests for publication from many enthusiastic authors, and although we regret not being able to include all of them in this year's issue, we strongly encourage those who missed the chance to contribute in the present issue to submit their work for the next volume. We already look forward to receiving excellent submissions from promising young scholars on issues of international competition law and policy.

Last but not least, we would like to especially thank Prof. Maher Dabbah, the director of the ICC, for his kind guidance and support in our first steps and most importantly, for giving us the opportunity to be part of the GAR. We wish we did meet the expectations and we are ready to work even harder to take the GAR a step further.

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