COMMEMORATIVE CONFERENCE

Inspiration and Innovation in International Law and Politics
100 Years Nobel Peace Prize Tobias Asser

Friday 9 December 2011, Peace Palace, The Hague, The Netherlands

PROGRAMME

09.00 - 09.30 Arrival/registration

09.30 - 10.00 Opening
Michiel Scheltema, Chairman Governing Board T.M.C. Asser Instituut
H.E. Anniken Ramberg Krutnes, Ambassador of Norway
Marjolein de Jong, Deputy Mayor of The Hague and alderman for Culture, International Affairs and City Centre district

10.00 - 10.30 Keynote address
Judge Peter Tomka, Vice-President of the International Court of Justice
‘For a More Peaceful International Society: The Role and Development of International Dispute Settlement’

10.30 - 10.45 Asser and the International Institutions in The Hague

10.45 - 11.00 Presentation The Learned Guide of Our Nation. Tobias Asser’s pivotal role in international law and diplomacy by Arthur Eyffinger

11.00 - 11.30 Break

11.30 - 12.30 Introduction to Asser’s Legal Heritage: developments and accomplishments 1911-2011
Joe Verhoeven, Secretary General, Institut de Droit International
‘Tobias Asser and the early years of the Institut de droit international’

Hans van Loon, Secretary General, The Hague Conference on Private International Law
‘The Hague Conference on Private International Law: Asser’s vision and an evolving mission’

Brooks Daly, Deputy Secretary General, Permanent Court of Arbitration
‘Tobias Asser and the Permanent Court of Arbitration’

Steven van Hoogstraten, Director, Carnegie Foundation and Treasurer, The Hague Academy of International Law
‘Tobias Asser and the Hague Academy of International Law’

12.30 - 13.15 Lunch
Towards a Third Hague Peace Conference?
Chair: Liesbeth Lijnzaad, Legal Advisor to the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nico Schrijver, Professor of international law at Leiden University and Academic Director of the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, member of the Senate of the Dutch House of Parliament and currently serves as the President of the International Law Association
‘Conditions for Rendering a Third Hague Peace Conference Relevant’
‘A treaty against small arms’
Dire Tladi, Counsellor Legal Affairs, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the UN
‘Elusive Peace in a Conflict Ridden-World: Reflections on the Current Architecture for Global Peace’

Cross-border Movements and the Challenges for Private International Law
Chair: Hans van Loon, Secretary General, The Hague Conference on Private International Law
Alex Mills, Lecturer, Faculty of Laws, University College London
‘Rediscovering the Public Dimension of Private International Law’
Aukje van Hoek, Professor of Private International Law, Amsterdam University
‘Private international law as governance: from conflicts justice to politics?’
Peter Winship, James Cleo Thompson Sr. Trustee Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
‘International Private Law and Non-governmental actors’
Frederike E.M.Stikkelbroeck, Former Director International Centre of the Hague Conference (currently with Akzo Nobel N.V.)

Break

International Arbitration in the 21st Century
Chair: Hans van Houtte, President, Iran-United States Claims Tribunal
Brooks Daly, Deputy Secretary General, Permanent Court of Arbitration
‘The Renaissance of State-to-State Arbitration in the 21st Century’
Albert-Jan van den Berg, Professor of Law, Erasmus University, Rotterdam and Partner, Hanotiau & van den Berg, Brussels
‘Investment Arbitration – The Challenges’
Filip De Ly, Professor of Private International Law and Comparative Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam
‘Unification of International Commercial Arbitration in the 21st Century’

Concluding Remarks
Hans Corell, former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations
‘Looking Forward in the Spirit of Asser: Identifying Developments in the Global Society That Need to Be Addressed In International Law’

Reception (with accompanying music by the ‘Etto Ensemble’)