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NOTE VERBALE

The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (Unidroit) presents its compliments to the Embassies in Italy of the non-member States of UNIDROIT, and has the honour to refer to Research Opportunities Focusing on Uniform Private Law at the UNIDROIT Library.

This Programme is open to all legal scholars, whatever their country of origin, who are able to provide their own funding or obtain funding from their institution of origin, for their stay in Rome.

A Scholarship Fund – to which institutional and private donors contribute (in particular, the Governments of the Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China, the Members of the Governing Council, the *United Kingdom Foundation for International Uniform Law* and the *United States Foundation for International Uniform Law*) - is instrumental in encouraging the participation of candidates from developing countries and from countries in economic transition.

Further information about these opportunities is available from the UNIDROIT website at:

<http://www.unidroit.org/english/legalcooperation/scholarships.htm>

Applications for 2011/2012 may be sent as of now to Laura Tikanvaara, e-mail: l.tikanvaara@unidroit.org before **30 April 2011**.

UNIDROIT would be grateful to the Embassies in Italy of the non-member States of UNIDROIT if they would bring this information to the notice of potentially interested persons or institutions (in particular: professors and post-graduate students in the law faculties as well as civil servants involved in private law reform), and would welcome applications from any eligible candidates they might wish to recommend.

Rome, 16 March 2011



To the Embassies in Italy of non-member States of UNIDROIT

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES FOCUSING ON UNIFORM PRIVATE LAW AT THE UNIDROIT LIBRARY

See : <http://www.unidroit.org/english/legalcooperation/scholarships.htm>

INDEPENDENT VISITING RESEARCHERS

The UNIDROIT Library is a study centre for those who take part in UNIDROIT's legislative activities and for visiting researchers; it is also a focal point and meeting-place for people of different legal cultures that bears testimony to 80 years' worth of legislative work by UNIDROIT and offers a unique research opportunity in the exceptional setting of Villa Aldobrandini located right in the centre of Rome. Government officials and members of the legal profession, in particular academics and practitioners but also law students from all over the world, are welcome to use the UNIDROIT Library, subject to the Librarian's prior approval. Projects relating to UNIDROIT's past legislative activities as well as subjects on the current UNIDROIT Work Programme are given special attention in this connection. Applicants may use such approval to support their requests to potential sponsors (which may be the institution to which they belong, private or public donors, institutions that promote legal research and legal reform, etc.) to finance their stay in Rome. A good working knowledge of English (and/or French) is indispensable.

Librarian: Ms Bettina Maxion b.maxion@unidroit.org

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LAWYERS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES IN ECONOMIC TRANSITION

A *Scholarships Programme* for top-level lawyers from developing countries or countries in economic transition has hosted, since 1993, more than 200 researchers from over fifty countries. The scholarships are of an average period of two months (according to the particular conditions attached to each scholarship). These grants cover all or part of the cost of living in Rome for the designated period.

The candidates are selected by the Scholarships Committee of the Governing Council, applying the following criteria (subject to any specific requirements on the part of donors):

- o the subject of the candidate's research project, which must be related to uniform law / international private law, preference being given to subjects that fit in with the Organisation's Work Programme;
- o the project's potential for practical application in the beneficiary's country of origin, preference being given to projects relating to the drafting of national laws or which aim at promoting the adoption of uniform law instruments;
- o the candidate's qualifications ("graduate" or "post-graduate") and position (academic, civil servant, judge, practitioner);
- o a good working knowledge of English (and/or French).

Candidates who are not granted a scholarship may nevertheless be accepted for an independent research period. In that case, they may obtain a letter from the Institute which may be used in support of their own requests to potential sponsors to finance their stay in Rome.

Applications

To apply, please fill in the application form available at: <http://www.unidroit.org/english/legalcooperation/scholarships.htm> and return it together with the requested documents before **30 April 2011**:

UNIDROIT Scholarships

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