

## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROCEDURAL LAW

### WELCOME NOTE

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At the initiative of the Moscow State University, and especially Dmitry Maleshin, the International Association of Procedural Law held its annual conference for the first time in Moscow on 18–21 September 2012. The main topic of this conference was ‘Civil procedure in cross-cultural dialogue’. This event was successful. Delegates from all around the world discussed such topics as *Dispute Resolution in Different Societies: formal and informal procedures; Goals of Civil Justice; Civil Procedural Systems: pro and contra; Cultural Dimension of Group Litigation; and Harmonisation of Civil Procedure in Eurasia*.

The history of the International Association of Procedural Law, founded in Florence in 1950, is the history of a collective challenge. Generation after generation for over sixty years, we are writing together this history like a novel chain.

This writing of this history needs editorial supports everywhere in the world.

It is the reason why, on behalf of the IAPL, I am very pleased to welcome the launching of the *Russian Law Journal*. This first Russian law review published in English language will surely help to promote intellectual exchanges between proceduralists worldwide. Opening the Russian legal system to the world and, conversely, opening the world to the Russian legal system are the two faces of an exciting challenge.

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