FOREWORD

In line with its predecessors, this volume of the Yearbook strives to reflect and echo the pool of concerns and multiple levels of analysis that make contemporary private international law so complex and worthy of interest. Distinguished specialists and young authors offer once again a lively and thought-provoking picture of the field, reporting on the relentless work of law-framing agencies and bodies in Brussels, Luxembourg, the Hague and Strasbourg, covering developments and trends around the world, from Turkey to India, from Israel to China. From national codifications to legal semiotics, from jurisdictional cooperation to enforcement of interim orders, from conflicting choice-of-law clauses to violation of human rights, from corporations to surrogacy, from discussions on the General Part of a prospective European Code on private international law to defamation and protection of personality rights… The multitude and spectrum of topics addressed are such that it would make little sense to cite them all here. Old ideas are being tested and new ideas are being framed, paying tribute to the past while looking to the future. This is what inspired the founding fathers of the Yearbook, whose primary aim was to foster debate and exchange of experiences thereby improving the cross-border life of individuals and ultimately serving human progress.

Following Publisher’s suggestion, this volume is the first which straddles two years – not just to capture and pay heed to the traditional academic double term but to better reflect what has come over the years to be the actual rhythm of our editorial work, some authors submitting or updating their papers until well into the first quarter of the year.

May our contributors and collaborators find in these few lines the expression of our gratitude. May our readers find in this volume what the previous editions of the Yearbook entitled them to expect.

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