

Dutch-Flemish Mediation and Conflict management Journal

TMD

TMD – an acronym of *Tijdschrift voor Mediation* (Mediation Journal) – was launched on 1 January, 1997 to become the first journal in the Netherlands focusing on mediation.

As from 2007 TMD's full title is *Nederlands-Vlaams Tijdschrift voor Mediation en Conflictmanagement* (Dutch-Flemish Mediation and Conflict management Journal) to indicate (a) a widened scope encompassing the entire spectrum of dispute resolution methods, and (b) a geographically enlarged readership extending into the bigger part of neighbouring Belgium, including the European capital, Brussels.

TMD is a quarterly, taking scholarly as well as practice-oriented contributions, both in Dutch and English. It also looks at current developments in the section called 'signalementen'.

History and Focus

TMD is rooted in the academic discipline of law. An important part of the contributions deals with the impact of various modes of dispute resolution on law and legal practice, and, conversely, the impact of law on dispute resolution strategies. From the very beginning TMD has had an international scope, looking specifically at developments in American and European law (including EU, English, French and German law). It is in the nature of the subject that TMD has always included contributions from socio-legal studies, psychology and economics in addition to contributions on law. The journal is aiming to be a multi-disciplinary journal with a leading role in the European academic debate on dispute resolution.

Contributors and Audience

Contributors to TMD tend to have a scholarly background or to work in the field of mediation or other forms of conflict management. Over the past 15 years, most contributions came from leading scholars in their fields, members of the judiciary, attorneys, and, of course, mediators. The articles in TMD are generally peer reviewed.

The audience consists of scholars and academic researchers on the one hand, and those practicing mediation and/or other professions.

TMD has established its reputation as the premier Dutch Flemish dispute resolution journal; for example, contributions in TMD have been used by various judicial agencies, in the legislature and in most authoritative handbooks on mediation and conflict management.

The board is continuously expanding and consolidating TMD's international network.

Editorial board

Editor-in-chief is Dr Annie de Roo from Erasmus University Rotterdam. Her PhD was on mediation in labour disputes in Europe (1994), and has since published over 70 articles on the subject in the Netherlands and

abroad as well as given numerous presentations, inter alia at the Sorbonne, Paris, in Tokyo, and before the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London. She teaches comparative dispute resolution at her home university and elsewhere.

She was *rapporteur general* for the Council of Europe on mediation (1999), and a member of the European Commission expert committee on

conciliation, mediation and arbitration (2002). She has worked on various expert projects sponsored by the Harvard Institute for International Development (1998), the Netherlands Council for the Judiciary (2004), the Ministry of Justice and The English Civil Justice Council (2003/7) respectively.

The other members of the Editorial Board are Dr Ellen van Beukering, who lectures at Leyden University and authored various books on handling commercial disputes (including *Geschilafdoening in zakelijke contracten* (Dispute Resolution in Commercial Contracts), 2007); Dr Ken Andries, Centre for Methodology of Law, University of Leuven, who publishes inter alia on dispute resolution clauses in contracts; Mr Luc Demeyere, a member of the Antwerp Bar and Senior Counsel at Contrast European & Business Law, specializing in international arbitration; Dr Barbara Gayse, general secretary of the federal Belgian mediation council and author of publications on mediation in family disputes; Dr Maud Piers, who teaches law at the University of Ghent, and authored various publications on arbitration and American law, and Mr Thabiso van den Bosch, attorney at law at Conway & Partners. His practice focuses on international arbitration and litigation.