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Faithful to the commitment of the GAR to advance scholarship on international competition law and policy, the 2013 volume covers a wide selection of topics of immense practical and theoretical interest.

As the terms of their interaction continue to be in a state of flux, the relationship between intellectual property and competition law is the subject of two contributions in this volume. An article on the problems in the application of competition principles to the use of Standard-Essential Patents (SEPs) in new technology markets and an interesting insight from Ghana considering the difficulties of enforcing intellectual property rights (IPRs) in the absence of competition laws and of an enforcement institution present two different, yet equally important aspects of the difficult debate.

On a more theoretical note, the connection between constitutional traditions and competition law regimes is the subject of an excellent contribution selected for the 6th volume; comparing the US and Latin American constitutional traditions and competition regimes respectively the author observes that there is an interesting link between these two, worthy of further research. In addition to this variety of topics and amidst the continuing debate on criminalising cartels, some possible guidance is provided by a very informative contribution, which discusses in detail the UK and Australian theory and practice. This volume is complemented by a very instructive essay on the role for the principle of equality as a limit to the Commission's discretion in the context of EU competition law enforcement, and by an enlightening account of the role for merger control in the Greek banking sector. Finally, this issue concludes with an interesting case comment presenting the new approach of the European Commission to competition cases in the energy sector.

As always, we would like to especially thank both the referees for their time and constructive comments and Prof. Maher Dabbah, the director of the ICC, for his invaluable support in our efforts.

We hope you will enjoy this volume, and we already look forward to receiving excellent contributions from all interested young scholars for the next one.

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