



MIA BUMA

Mia Buma, owner of Mia Buma Advies, worked as a company lawyer for the Association of Dutch Flower Auctions (VBN) from 1993 to 2008. In this function, assignments in her portfolio fell under the wide scope of Dutch law. In addition, Mia got more and more involved in plant variety rights and its relation with other intellectual property rights. Another specialism is arbitration law. With regard to PVR, Mia is internationally active as Secretary of the Committee for Novelty Protection for the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH). In this capacity she keeps abreast of all new developments within UPOV and represents AIPH, which has the observer status, in UPOV. In spring 2008 Mia started her own consultancy bureau, Mia Buma Advies, and she is working now freelance for (among others) the Dutch flower auctioneer FloraHolland, the Dutch Association of Wholesale Trade in Horticultural Products (VGB) and AIPH.

Highlights in her career include:

- (1986) Course in international law and international relations, University of Vienna, Austria
- (1987) Law Degree at the University of Leiden, the Netherlands
- (1987) Master's program, Introduction to the English Legal System, University of Exeter, England.
- (1988) Work experience with the legal firm Bowling & Co., Solicitors, London, England.
- (1989-1993) Lawyer for the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Conservation and Fisheries, in the Department of Legal Affairs.
- (1996 ) Qualified as Mediator
- (2002) Member of the Board of the 'Koninklijke Maatschap de Wilheminaapolder' (a large private agricultural farm in Zeeland (NL) of 2000 hectares)
- (2005-2008) Member of the Board of the Dutch Company Lawyers Association