



# GAR Awards 2018 – best innovation by an individual or organisation

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GAR continues its publication of shortlists for awards that will soon be open to the public vote, ahead of this year's awards ceremony in Paris on 12 April.

The 2018 Awards will take place at the Four Seasons George V hotel, as part of Paris Arbitration Week. The black-tie event, to raise money for the Swawou School Foundation in Sierra Leone, will once again include a drinks reception and dinner and the unveiling of this year's GAR 30.

Details to register for the event can be found [here](#).

The nominations for innovation by an individual or organisation are below. A form will be published in GAR soon so that readers can cast their votes.

## **BEST INNOVATION BY ORGANISATION OR INDIVIDUAL**

- John Gaffney [makes](#) a plea for the full and frank disclosure of parties' financial status at the outset of arbitration proceedings (March 2018)
- A Miami-based start-up is using blockchain technology to reduce the duration and cost of international dispute resolution, while a working group [was formed](#) to look at how arbitral institutions need to adapt to the blockchain era. (February 2018)

- CPR Institute [adopts](#) “Young lawyer” rule – giving tribunals discretion to permit junior lawyers to examine witnesses and present arguments if lead counsel and the client agree.
  - Cohen's [challenge](#): put women in charge by 2020 (January 2018)
  - SIAC [unveils](#) new protocol for consolidation between institutions (December 2017)
  - IBA [launches](#) “living document” bringing together suggestions for improving arbitration procedure (October 2017)
  - Debevoise & Plimpton [creating](#) a protocol to combat the threat of cyberattacks in international arbitration (July 2017)
  - Delos Dispute Resolution [issued](#) its first award just three months after its commencement – using an innovative structure to keep down costs under a procedure in the Delos rules which rewards early registration of contracts, early case preparation and focused procedures (April 2017)
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