

Court of Arbitration Member Report

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Member of CoA of PPI – From April 13th 2014 until July 5th 2015

I hadn't planned to run for the Court of Arbitration. But when I heard on the GA in Paris that there were not enough candidates for the Court, I decided to put up my candidacy because in my opinion the Court is very important and it should function well. I was happily surprised by all the support I received from the members of PPI and was very motivated to do the job as good as possible.

However, when the first complaint to the Court came in in December, concerning the membership fees, it was immediately clear that the proper working of the Court would become a problem. Most of the members of the Court didn't reply to any emails. I wrote a first draft concerning the complaint about the membership fees and asked if other members could agree or wanted to change anything. Almost no replies came. In the end it took over 2 weeks before at least 3 of the 5 members sent a reply to agree with the initial draft. It took long, but in the end the Court succeeded in doing its job as expected.

Later, in the beginning of 2015, a few other complaints came in. I sent multiple emails to my fellow Court members to help and handle those complaints, but unfortunately I got no replies at all. Therefore the Court of Arbitration was unable to handle those complaints.

I believe the Court has an important role within PPI and it should work properly. Therefore I am willing to be a candidate for the Court of Arbitration again and do everything in my power to make the Court work. However if I get elected I will only accept my role as member of the Court if I feel my fellow elected Court members are as engaged as I am to make the Court work properly.

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