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35th World Forum of Mediation Centres

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Mediation Centres

Forum presented by the UIA under the patronage of the Minister of Justice of Greece

**FRIDAY,
19 JUNE
& SATURDAY,
20 JUNE 2026**

*With a welcome cocktail on the evening
of Thursday 18 June*



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Introduction

The UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres was created in 2001. Every nine months it brings together some of the best commercial mediation practitioners and officers of commercial mediation centres from around the world, together with lawyers, business managers, academics, trainers, and others interested in learning and sharing insights about the development and use of the mediation process. Usually there are participants from 15 to 20 or more countries in attendance, often from four or five continents, each bringing a different perspective on the use and development of mediation in their jurisdiction.

Whether you are from a place in which mediation already is readily accepted and integrated into the system of dispute resolution, or from one in which the "Dispute Resolution Revolution" is still in a not-yet-fully-accepted stage, there is something of value for you at the Forum. Each one is designed to enhance your knowledge about the mediation process, and to help you identify best practices as a mediator;

both of which are accomplished through the various topics in the sessions, typically led by deeply-experienced mediators.

Equally, if not more, importantly, it also will provide you with ample opportunities to develop relationships and exchange insights on the development and use of mediation with colleagues from a multitude of different cultures around the world. That opportunity can have a profoundly beneficial impact on your professional expertise. To do so at one location is unique to an international event; and convening every nine months is unique to the Forum.

We are excited to have you join us for the 35th Forum in Athens. It will be an unforgettable international event, and colleagues from around the world have already confirmed their participation. Since attendance at the sessions and lunch/dinner meals will be limited to the spaces available, be sure to register early so that you won't miss out.

We look forward to seeing you in Athens!

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18:00 – 20:00 WELCOME COCKTAIL

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FRIDAY, 19 JUNE

08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

OPANDA ANTONIS TRITSIS AMPHITHEATRE

Cultural Centre of the Municipality of Athens

50 Akadimias Street, Athens 106 79

09:00 – 09:30 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE FORUM

▪ **Fernando HERNÁNDEZ GÓMEZ**, *UIA President, VAHG – Vázquez Aldana, Hernández Gómez & Asociados, Guadalajara, Mexico*

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▪ **Olympia ANASTASOPOULOU**, *Head of a Department Secretariat General for ADR, Athens, Greece*

▪ **Nicolas KANELLOPOULOS**, *OPEMED, Secretary General, Athens, Greece*

09:30 – 11:00 LANDSCAPE OF MEDIATION IN GREECE

Although the roots of mediation go back to Greek Mythology, mediation as a structured process was not introduced in Greece until 2010, to comply with EU Directive 52/2008. It faced too many obstacles, which led the authorities to make it, in many cases, a mandatory prerequisite before proceeding in Court. Yet the Supreme Court denied the legitimacy of such Law, which consequently had to be withdrawn. A third Law was promulgated in 2019, which followed a middle ground system. Today, mediation has evolved, especially in family law cases, and has expanded to other areas of disputes, such as those involving the State exercising its administrative authority, land disputes and penal cases.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Catherine COTSAKI**, *Honorary Lawyer, MCiArb, President of the Hellenic Union of Mediators, Member of the Central Commission of the Ministry of Justice, Athens, Greece*

SPEAKERS:

▪ **Thomaï KIMISKIDOU**, *Judge at the Court of Appeals of Athens, President of Gemmehellas, Athens, Greece*

▪ **Evgnosia RAFTOPOULOU**, *Accredited Mediators Trainer, Raftopoulou & associates, Thessaloniki, Greece*

▪ **Artemis KOMPAROU**, *Accredited Mediator, Member of the Central Commission of Mediation of the Greek Ministry of Justice, Artemis Komparou and Associates Law Office, Athens, Greece*

▪ **Dimitris EMVALOMENOS**, *Accredited Mediator, Dep. Managing Partner at Bahas Grammatidis & Partners Law Firm, Athens, Greece*

▪ **Maria CHATZILEONIDA**, *Accredited Mediator, Accredited Mediators Trainer, Thessaloniki, Greece*

Programme

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 12:45 MEDIATION WHERE THE MATTER IS TOO SENSITIVE FOR OTHER FORMS/FORA OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Speakers will explore cases where sensitive issues such as alleged competition law infringements / high value business secrets, etc. are at stake.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Florian NEUMAYR**, *President of the UIA Competition Law Commission, BPV Hügel Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Vienna, Austria*

SPEAKERS:

▪ **Jean-Christophe BARTH-COULLARÉ**, *Executive director of the World Association of Public-Private Partnership Professionals and Mediator (Federation Suisse Mediation), Geneva, Switzerland*

▪ **Anastasia DRITSA**, *Partner with Kyriakides Georgopoulos, Athens, Greece*

▪ **Lisa SAVITT**, *Vice President of the UIA International Bar Senate, Benchmark International ADR, LLC, Vienna, Austria*

12:45 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:30 WALKING THE ETHICAL HIGH WIRE: ETHICS IN MEDIATION AROUND THE GLOBE

In this interactive program, panelists will engage with the audience to discuss ethical challenges faced in mediation around the globe. Different ethics rules will be applied to explore their commonalities and differences in tackling ethical dilemmas around neutrality, confidentiality, transparency, implicit bias, etc.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Sara P. SANDFORD**, *Mediator & Attorney, Benchmark International ADR, LLC, Seattle, WA, USA*

SPEAKERS:

▪ **Mona HANNA**, *President of the Lebanese Center for Mediation and Conciliation LAMAC, President of the Mediation Committee at the Beirut Bar Association Lawyer, Mediator & Trainer in Disputes Resolution, Beirut, Lebanon*

▪ **Georges HANOT**, *Mediator, Dispute Board Chair & Lecturer, Con-Sent ADR, Gavere, Belgium*

▪ **Nadja ALEXANDER**, *Faculty member and Director of Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy in Singapore Management University, Singapore*

▪ **Hiroyuki TEZUKA**, *Chief Director of Japan International Mediation Centre, Nishimura & Asahi, Tokyo, Japan*

15:30 – 15:45 COFFEE BREAK

15:45 – 17:00 LET'S TALK PLAINLY: FEE PLEASE! OR PRO BONO?

"Fee or not to fee ... this is the problem!"

Around the world many are motivated to become Mediators by a desire to "do good", and for the same reason some are often willing to mediate for free. But how to decide who should get a free mediation and who should pay? Should only some dispute types get free or discounted mediations? Should the wealth of disputants be calculated and how to do this? If the majority of mediations

are free does it stop being a profession and become a pastime? Why should a mediator not be paid when the lawyers are? Join us for this session as we try to answer some impossible questions.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Andy ROGERS**, Mediator & Principal Consultant – Membership, Standards & Media Relations; CEDR Services Ltd., London, UK

SPEAKERS:

- **Milagros POAL-MANRESA CANTARELL**, Co-Director of UIA Seminars, International Business Lawyer and mediator, Partner, ADR Synergies, Barcelona, Spain
- **Sergio FONTANA**, Full Time Mediator, Mediation Panel Manager (InMedio), Trainer and Coach, Carpi, Italy
- **Jeffrey ABRAMS**, Attorney/Mediator/Arbitrator, Houston, TX, USA

17:00 – 18:30 THE MEDIATION 2.0 INNOVATION WITHOUT BORDERS ROUND TABLE

Innovation in mediation is advancing at remarkable speed, with artificial intelligence and other technological advances, mixed modes, litigation funding and new regulatory frameworks reshaping practice worldwide and giving rise to what many now call "Mediation 2.0." This round table brings together experienced practitioners, mediation administrators, ADR thought leaders and entrepreneurs to examine some of the most significant developments transforming the international landscape, including (i) advances in artificial intelligence as well as emerging algorithmic tools and (ii) new initiatives such as WIPO's AI dispute mediation services and the European Union's recently launched Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre (PMAC) in Ljubljana and Lisbon. The panel will also explore regulatory innovation, focusing in particular on the Singapore Convention and the reasons why no EU Member State has yet signed it, despite 59 signatories worldwide (including the non-EU major economic powers: United States, China, India, South Korea, the United Kingdom, Japan, and Brazil), and 19 ratifications, and will consider whether existing instrument – such as the Brussels and Lugano Conventions – or other legal mechanisms may already facilitate the recognition and enforcement of mediated settlement agreements within the EU and EFTA, thus significantly minimizing any practical need for the Singapore mechanisms. In sum, the round table session will highlight how innovation and legal imagination are reshaping mediation practice for the next generation.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Pierre KIRCH**, Avocat à la Cour (Paris/Brussels), Certified Mediator, Adjunct Professor on the Law of Artificial Intelligence, Catholic University of Paris, Paris, France

SPEAKERS:

- **Alexia GKORITSA**, Legal Case Manager, Business Development and Digital Content Disputes Section, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Danielle HUTCHINSON**, Faculty member, University of Melbourne Law School, Certified Mediator, Founder of MyDRHub, Melbourne, Australia
- **Blanka ILLES**, Attorney (ügyvéd)(Budapest), Certified Mediator, Founder AI-Mediation.net, Berlin, Germany
- **Jeremy LACK**, International Lawyer & ADR Neutral, LAWTECH.CH, Member of the International Mediation Institute (IMI)'s Mixed Modes Taskforce and Coordinator of its Global Pound Conference series, Co-founder, InnovADR, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Haris P. MEIDANIS**, Attorney (δικηγόρος) (Athens), Arbitrator and Certified Mediator, Managing Partner, Meidanis Sere-metakis & Associates law firm, Director, Athens Mediation & Arbitration Centre, Athens, Greece

20:00 OPTIONAL DINNER

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SATURDAY, 20 JUNE

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09:30 – 11:00 INSIGHTS FROM TRAINING LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES ON MEDIATION

This session aims to convey experiences from the training of legal advocates in mediation, from the «insider» perspective of both the trainers and the trainees. Issues covered will include challenges of training programs and how training influences professional conduct and the quality of mediation in general.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Sergios MANARAKIS**, Attorney-at-Law, Mediator, Vice-President of the BoD of the Hellenic Union of Mediators, Athens, Greece

SPEAKERS:

- **Jan KAYSER**, Centre de Médiation Civile et Commerciale (CCMC), Director, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
- **Cezary ROGULA**, Attorney-at-Law, Mediator, Rogula Law & Mediation Office, Krakow, Poland
- **Agnieszka ZEMKE-GÓRECKA**, Ph.D., Attorney-at-Law, Mediator, University of Białystok, Faculty of Law, Białystok, Poland
- **Claudia BRUSCAGLIONI**, Partner LMCR Studio Legale and International Mediator, Milan, Italy

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 11:45 BIOETHICAL MEDIATION IN HEALTHCARE – A NEW & EMERGING FIELD FOR MEDIATION

Rapid advances in medical science, artificial intelligence and life-sustaining technologies have created complex ethical conflicts within healthcare settings. Disputes arising in hospitals and intensive care units increasingly involve patient autonomy, dignity, informed consent and end-of-life decision-making, extending beyond traditional legal analysis. This session introduces Bioethical Mediation as a very recent and emerging field of mediation practice and defines its scope and relevance for mediators. It examines the specific role and core skills of the bioethical mediator, the types of disputes addressed, and the fundamental differences between bioethical mediation and other mediation models. The session highlights the growing need for specialized mediators operating at the intersection of law, ethics and medicine.

SPEAKER:

- **Evi AVLOGIARI**, ADR Hellenic Training Hub, Piraeus & Thessaloniki, Greece

11:45 – 12:30 ZOOMEDIATIONS – TIPS & TECHNIQUES FOR MEDIATORS CONDUCTING REMOTE/VIRTUAL MEDIATIONS

Upon the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic, mediators had to learn how to conduct remote/virtual mediations. Now – a half-dozen years later – we all had numerous opportunities to learn ways to make that process even more efficient and effective. Join in on this exploration of a variety of tips and techniques that will enhance the mediation experience for your Zoomediation participants, and help you become a first-class «symphony conductor» of Zoomediations as we identify Best Practices for mediators.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Fabienne VAN DER VLEUGEL**, Co-President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Lawyer at the Meaux and New York Bars, VDV Avocats, Equanim, CI Arb Accredited Mediator, French Foreign Trade Advisor, Former Associate Professor University Gustave Eiffel, Serris, France

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- **Roberta REGAZZONI**, Dr. of law, mediation officer – Chamber of Milan, Milan, Italy
- **Yonca Fatma YÜCEL**, Vice-President of the UIA Mediation and Conflict Prevention commission, Atty., IMI Certified Mediator Arbitrator, Ankara, Türkiye

12:30 – 13:45 LUNCH

13:45 – 15:00 EMERGING FRONTIERS IN MEDIATION: SPOTLIGHT ON THE MENA REGION AND BEYOND

This session examines the evolving mediation landscapes of emerging jurisdictions across the Middle East & North Africa (MENA) region and beyond, including UAE, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, and the broader context of Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Member States. Moving beyond comparisons with established mediation hubs, the discussion explores how legal traditions, institutional design, and socio-political realities shape mediation frameworks that do not readily lend themselves to policy transplantation. The session offers nuanced insights into how mediation reform is being locally constructed, rather than imported, across diverse and dynamic jurisdictions.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Emad HUSSEIN**, Senior Adviser (Middle East and North Africa), Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA), Deputy President, OIC-AC International Court of Arbitration Independent Arbitrator, Accredited Mediator, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. Umar A. OSENI**, Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Arbitration Centre (OIC-AC), Istanbul, Türkiye
- **Luiza ROMANADZE**, President at Ukrainian Academy of Mediation, Odessa, Ukraine
- **Rozana AL TAYYAR**, Independent Arbitrator & Mediator, Member of the International Court of Arbitration, ICC, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

15:00 – 15:15 COFFEE BREAK

15:15 – 16:30 OMG! ARE THEY REALLY GOING TO MAKE THAT THEIR NEXT PROPOSAL? LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE MEDIATOR DURING THE PARTIES' NEGOTIATION PROCESS

Throughout the mediation process, as mediators we see lawyers and parties using a variety of negotiation strategies and tactics while determining the parties' "next" steps in the negotiation process. From the mediator's viewpoint, some of those steps are brilliantly executed, which keep the negotiations moving toward settlement. But some threaten the very continuation of the mediation process itself. Some participants may want the mediator to "take over" their negotiation; while others may choose to ignore any input from the mediator. What role do mediators have in the parties' "negotiation dance"? What should mediators do ... or not do ... to help keep their negotiation process alive and moving forward? Bring your insights and experiences to this highly interactive session while we explore which tools in our Mediator's Toolbox we should use, and which ones we should throw away!

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Ross W. STODDARD, III**, Co-President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Attorney-Mediator, Dallas, TX, USA

SPEAKERS:

- **Lynne NASH**, Attorney-Mediator, Nash Legal Group, Dallas, TX, USA
- **Renate DENDORFER-DITGES**, Partner/Lawyer/Mediator/Arbitrator, DITGES Partnerschaft mbB, Bonn/Munich, Germany

16:30 – 18:00 FROM AGREEMENT TO ENFORCEMENT: PRACTICAL INSIGHTS ON MEDIATION

A high-impact tour of what happens after parties say "yes," this session brings top mediators together to unpack enforceability, mediator conduct, cross-border challenges, financial disputes, Greek legal realities and emerging ethical dilemmas. A crisp, practical look at turning agreements into outcomes.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: ▪ **Vassiliki KOUMPLI**, Member of the BoD of the Hellenic Union Of Mediators, Athens, Greece

SPEAKERS:

- **Victoria D. LIOUTA**, International Arbitrator, FCI Arb, Mediator, Trainer of Mediators, Piraeus, Greece
- **Evangelia PAVLAKI**, Mediator, Mediation Trainer and General Secretary of the Hellenic Union Of Mediators, Athens, Greece
- **Sofia DEDE**, Attorney at law, Equal Rights Beyond Borders, Kos, Southern Aegean, Greece
- **Nicola WALLACE**, Accredited Mediator, 4PB, London, UK
- **Maria GATZOFLIA**, Lawyer & Mediator, Athens, Greece

18:00 – 18:30 NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

Announcement of the 36th UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres

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General Information

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→ LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English**.

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A limited number of rooms have been pre-booked at a preferential rate. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. Credit card details must be given in order to secure your reservation. Please note that the number of rooms is limited. We recommend that you proceed with your reservations as soon as possible.

HOTELS

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Reservations can be made by clicking [here](#). The booking code "UIA35" should already be applied to the link, and the rate includes the EUR 15 Crisis Climate Resilience fee. Conditions: The special conference rate is available until 30 April 2026. After this date, any additional reservations or requests will be subject to availability and the rates applicable at the time of booking.

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The registration fees for the Forum are:

☐ € 345 (Excl. VAT)* until 19 May 2026 included

☐ € 395 (Excl. VAT)* from 20 May 2026 onwards

☐ € 180 (Excl. VAT)* STUDENT REGISTRATION(**)

Fees include:

→ Attendance at all working sessions

→ Welcome cocktail on Thursday, 18 June

→ Coffee breaks on 19 & 20 June

→ Forum documentation

→ Lunches on 19 & 20 June

The dinners on Friday, 19 June and Saturday, 20 June are optional and at additional charge.

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Single room € 285

Double room € 320

HB supplement: € 45 per person

Breakfast and taxes included

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Single / Double room € 290

Breakfast and taxes included

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info@thevaultathens.com by using the reference "UIA Athens Forum"

Cancellation and General Conditions

→ CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

All cancellations will be subject to a 50% deduction and will have to be sent in writing, to be received by the Union Internationale des Avocats **no later than 19 May 2026**.

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Anyone who requires a visa invitation letter in order to attend the Forum should register and pay their registration fees **no later than 19 May 2026** to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa.

All cancellations will be refunded in full, minus €50 + VAT to cover administrative costs, provided that the UIA has received the registration documents and **total** registration fees **no later than 19 May 2026**.

If you register after this date, only 50% of the amount paid minus €50 + VAT to cover administrative costs will be refunded for cancellations due to visa refusals.

All cancellations due to a visa refusal must be sent in writing and reach the UIA **before the Forum no later than 11 June 2026**. Cancellations must be accompanied by a **proof of visa refusal**.

If your visa is issued after the Forum date or if you do not have proof of visa refusal, you will not be entitled to a refund.

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It is expressly agreed that for the parties, a case of force majeure would suspend the execution of their reciprocal obligations. At the same time, each of the parties shall bear the burden of all the expenses incumbent upon them, resulting from the case of force majeure.

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Special requests (special diet, allergies, handicap...):

Arrival/departure times & flight numbers:

Hotel:

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☐ € 345 (Excl. VAT)* until 19 May 2026 included

☐ € 395 (Excl. VAT)* from 20 May 2026 onwards

☐ € 180 (Excl. VAT)* STUDENT REGISTRATION(**)

** The VAT (24%) can be applied to the amount stated above according to the European Directive 2006/112/CE of November 28, 2006. **If you provide an EU VAT ID number, the VAT will not be charged.** For more information, please contact the UIA.*

*** Reserved for students under 30 years old. Please send a copy of your student card to benefit from the special rate.*

B. FORUM SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Please indicate below whether you plan to attend the following event **included** in the cost of your registration.

- ☐ Welcome Cocktail – Thursday, 18 June ☐ Lunch – Friday, 19 June ☐ Lunch – Saturday, 20 June

C. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

(**Not included** in the registration fees)

- ☐ Optional Dinner – Friday, 19 June
• Please book person(s) for the dinner Price to be confirmed
- ☐ Optional Dinner – Saturday, 20 June
• Please book person(s) for the dinner Price to be confirmed
- TOTAL (C) €**

D. TOTAL

TOTAL (A) Excl. VAT – Registration Fees €

TOTAL (C) Excl. VAT – Optional Activities €

TOTAL (A+C) Excl. VAT €

VAT IF APPLICABLE (24%)* €

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TOTAL (A+C+VAT) €

E. CANCELLATION CONDITIONS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

I, the undersigned, confirm having read and accepted the cancellation policy and the general terms and conditions given on page 7 of the registration programme. My registration will only be taken into account after receipt of my payment.

The participant is aware that his/her image and/or voice may be recorded or filmed during the entire duration of the Forum and, by signing this registration form, grants UIA the right to use, reproduce and distribute the concerned images and recordings by any known or unknown means and on all types of media, for an unlimited duration, completely free of charge.

The undersigned acknowledges having been informed of the processing of the personal data contained in this form by UIA, as detailed on page 7 of the registration programme.

F. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- ☐ By bank transfer in **EUR**, without charges to the payee, in favour of the Union Internationale des Avocats, quoting “**2026 Athens Forum**”, to the following bank and account:

Société Générale – Agence Paris Institutionnels – 50 rue d’Anjou – 75008 Paris – France

BIC / SWIFT N°: SOGEFRPP

IBAN: FR76 3000 3033 9200 0503 4165 164

Kindly attach a copy of your bank transfer order to your registration form

- ☐ By credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card N°: _____ Expiry date: __ / __ 3 digits: ____

Name of card holder:

I authorise the Union Internationale des Avocats to debit the above mentioned credit card in the amount of **€ (EUR)**

Date: / /

Signature: