A constitution forms an integral part of sports bodies. It provides a system under which the sport operates, and where the national sporting body can make rulings and set governing standards for the sport which will, in turn, affect those playing at different levels. It also provides much needed structure in ensuring that all those involved in the sport will share common objectives and adhere to a set of uniform policies and procedures. A well drafted and comprehensive constitution provides stakeholders with the ability to work together to address issues of joint concern and would enable those from different levels of the sport hierarchy to share common strategic goals and work together to maximise the ability of the sport to strengthen and market itself. The constitutions of sporting bodies are also, often, supplemented by regulations which are by comparison, more easily amendable. These regulations set out policies and procedures underpinning the constitution in greater detail and thus, are equally important.

Recognising the growing interests in sports law and the need to foster an understanding of constitutions governing a sports body and how they impact athletes and other stakeholders, the AIAC introduces its first ever Workshop on the Constitution of Sporting Bodies. The workshop aims to provide an overview and introduction to the constitution of sporting bodies, such as the fundamentals and significance of sports constitutions as well as key features and important provisions in the constitution of a sports body.

The workshop will be conducted by sports law experts and in-house legal advisors in the local sporting industry as well as representatives from the Sports Commissioners’ Office.
**SPEAKERS**

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Dr. Jacobs (aka CJ Gletus Matthews CN Jacobs) is a partner at LJ Sports PLT. In 1999 he graduated in Law (LLB Hons) at the Anglia (Ruskin) University Chelmsford United Kingdom. He later pursued his Masters (LLM) in International Sports Law at the same university, graduating in 2004. In 2018 he was awarded the postgraduate degree of PhD in Sports Law at Multimedia University Malaysia where he was senior lecturer for many years. His area of expertise includes Sports Law and Public International Law. He had published several articles in international and local journals. Similarly, he had presented research papers in the area of Sports Law and other areas in conferences in Asia and Europe. He is a member of International Sociology of Sports Association (ISSA) UK which is affiliated to the UNESCO. In Malaysia he was a committee member of the "First Instance Body" of Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) from 2014-2016. Currently he is a member of the National Dispute Resolution Chambers (NDRC) of Professional Footballers Association of Malaysia (PFAM).

**Dr. Wirdati Mohd Radzi**

Dr. Wirdati read law at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM 1999). She went on to do her MSA (Master of Sport Administration) at Ohio University, Athens OHIO the following year. She came back to teach at the University of Malaya’s Sport Centre in subjects such as Legal Aspects of Sport, Sports Industry and Sport Management. She went on to do her MPhil at Loughborough University UK in 2002. At Loughborough University, she was involved in an international research commissioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) undertaken jointly by the IOC and Institute of Sport and Leisure Policy, Loughborough University. The findings of the research was published and adopted by the 254 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) around the globe. She came back to Malaysia to complete her PhD thesis on Muslim Women Sport Managers at the University of Malaya. Dr. Wirdati was the 2008 recipient of the WSFFM Women and Sport Scholarship for her research in Muslim women sport managers. Dr. Wirdati has also served as a researcher in an international research collaboration with the National Taiwan Sport University in developing the Olympic Athletes Welfare models. Dr. Wirdati has also been appointed as the treasurer of the Asian Association for Sport Management (AASM), the continental association for sport managers in affiliation to the World Association of Sport Management (WASM). Dr. Wirdati has recently been appointed as the new Sports Commissioner for Malaysia.

**Dr. Jady Zaidi Hassim**

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