Preface

In the triple foreword by Paul Demaret, Koen Lenaerts and Carl Baudenbacher it is eloquently set out why Jacques Bourgeois fully merits a Festschrift from his friends and colleagues on the happy occasion of his 75th birthday. It is a tribute to a remarkable legal scholar, practitioner and personality.

That Jacques, of all people, merited a Festschrift was therefore an easy decision for us. Things became already a bit more complicated when trying to choose a subject for the book. Jacques Bourgeois is known to be a Renaissance man, and no single subject would do him justice. We therefore decided to settle on two themes that are not unrelated, although very few lawyers have been able to combine them as has Jacques: trade and competition law. Where matters became really difficult was in choosing contributors to the book. Jacques’ network of professional acquaintances is legendary – he seems to know at least half the globe. With a heavy heart we assume the responsibility of having unwittingly omitted some of his friends who might have very much wanted to write a testimonial of their appreciation for Jacques as well. But the response we received of the people we did contact was overwhelming. As the reader will see, the result is an embarrassment of riches: a stellar cast of authors, delivering an overview of cutting edge issues arising in the areas of trade and competition law.

The quality of the contributions has been matched by the always enthusiastic and highly professional editorial support given to us by Valérie Hauspie, to whom we hereby extend a warm thanks. A special word of thanks goes also to the very helpful staff of our publisher, Edward Elgar, especially Jessica Westwood, Jean-Paul McDonald and Julian Roskams, who took on the publication and distribution of this book as a matter of priority.

We should end these introductory words on a technical note. Various contributions deal with EU law. A number of important terminological changes in EU law were introduced by the Lisbon Treaty, which finally entered into force in December 2009. As is still true elsewhere, different authors in this volume have integrated these recent terminological changes in various ways. As a consensus on the terminology for historical as opposed
to current developments in European law has yet to emerge, we have made the editorial decision of letting these variations stand.

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