Foreword

On 12 and 13 November 2004, the first workshop of the Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA) was held at the European University Institute, Florence. Thirty-nine academics from Europe and the USA met to discuss ‘The Evolution of European Competition Law – Whose Regulation, Which Competition’ at a conference which had been organized by the Institute’s Chair of Competition Law and of Intellectual Property Law in cooperation with the Osservatorio di Proprietà Intellettuale, Concorrenza e Comunicazioni of the LUISS University of Rome. This volume contains the papers and invited comments that have been presented for discussion; the vivid discussion among all participants remains their academic souvenir.

The workshop was multilingual, both formally and informally. Two contributions, which originally were in French, and have been published as such, spontaneously were presented in English at the workshop: they are reproduced here in English translation.* But all contributions, except of course those by native English language authors, had to undergo a minimum of linguistic revision. Paul Harvey and Katherine Worthington, researchers of the Institute’s Law Department, and Mel Marquis, visiting fellow, have sacrificed their talent and time to this revision work, and, in addition, have brought their research skills to finalizing the contributions stylistically and formally. By setting up a fully detailed index Agnieszka Machnicka, also a researcher at the Law Department, provided the access code to all the information contained in the many contributions. Anna Coda Nunziante has, beyond her secretarial duties, taken care of the proper form of presentation of the contributions while preserving their stylistic diversity.

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* See *infra* chapters 7 and 8.