



COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

ISTANBUL 2015 ASSEMBLY

**Minutes of a meeting of the
CMI Assembly on Tuesday, 9 June 2015
at 14h30 at the Sheraton Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey**

Welcome

President Stuart Hetherington welcomed all delegates present.

Attending

Officers of the Comité Maritime International

President:	Stuart HETHERINGTON
Past-President:	Karl-Johan GOMBRII
Vice-President:	Giorgio BERLINGIERI
Vice-President:	Christopher DAVIS
Secretary-General:	John HARE
Administrator:	Lawrence THE
Treasurer/Head	
Office Director:	Benoit GOEMANS
Councillors:	Ann FENECH
	Tomotaka FUJITA
	Louis MBANEFO
	Jorge RADOVICH
	Andrew TAYLOR
	Dihuang SONG
	Dieter SCHWAMPE
	Alexander von ZIEGLER

Member Associations

Member associations were duly represented by delegates listed in the Attendance Register attached to these minutes.

PARAGRAPH NUMBERS BELOW CORRESPOND WITH THOSE OF THE PUBLISHED AGENDA. AN AUDIOVISUAL RECORDING OF THE FULL ASSEMBLY IS AVAILABLE IN THE VIDEOLIBRARY ON THE CMI WEBSITE AT WWW.COMITEMARITIME.ORG/VIDEOLIBRARY

1. Report of the Credentials Committee

Chris Davis reported that the Assembly had been properly convened with notice of the Agenda as tabled, that a quorum of member associations was present, and that, in terms of the Constitution, all member associations represented were entitled to vote.

2. Memorials

The President advised the Assembly of the passing of the following distinguished members of the CMI family, (about each of whom he said a few words) and asked all to stand in a moment of silent tribute.

- (a) Bill Tetley QC (Canada);
- (b) Hisashi Tanikawa (Japan);
- (c) Jose Luis Goni (Spain);
- (d) Charles Goldie (UK);
- (e) Akihiko Yamamichi (Japan);
- (f) Eugenio Cornejo Fuller (Chile);
- (g) Jean Albert Hulliger (Switzerland);
- (h) David Robles (Panama);
- (i) Carlos Matheus Gonzalez (Venezuela);
- (j) Geoffrey Hudson (UK);
- (k) William Dorsey III (USA);
- (l) Zhu Zengjie (China)

Justice Johanne Gautier paid tribute to the late Prof Bill Tetley as Honorary Vice-President of the CMI, recording his enormous contribution to maritime law and to the CMI.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Assembly held in Dublin on 1 October 2013 (see attachment)

The Secretary-General tabled the minutes of the meeting of the Assembly held in Hamburg on 17 June 2014 adoption of which was proposed by Andrew Taylor and seconded by Bob Clyne and which were duly adopted, and signed by the President and Secretary-General.

4. Matters arising from Minutes of the Assembly held in Hamburg on 17 June 2014

There were no matters arising other than those to be dealt with in this Agenda.

5. Report of the President

The President tabled and delivered his attached Report which was duly adopted.

In his verbal summary the President acknowledged the huge burden of work taken on by John Hare as Secretary-General. He expressed the CMI's gratitude to Benoit Goemans for staying on as Treasurer to await availability of Peter Verstuyft should the Assembly approve Mr Verstuyft's appointment. He acknowledged and thanked Anne Verlinde for her efficient administration in Antwerp including taking over much of the maintenance of the CMI website. The President again asked for any changes to the Executives of NMLAs to be notified to Ms Verlinde. The President recorded his thanks to the Belgium MLA and in particular its retiring President Karel Stes for his assistance and support of the CMI during his Presidency. Mention was also made of the accounts for 2014 showing a modest surplus. Turning to the work projects of the CMI he referred to the considerable amount of work done by the Judicial Sale IWG, including a presentation in London to the IMO Legal Committee, and thanks were expressed to Henry Li and Jonathan Lux for their efforts. Gratitude was similarly expressed to Bent Neilsen and to Taco van der Valk and their IWG for their work on General Average. On the building of the CMI database on the jurisprudence of conventions, the President asked for NMLA co-operation in submitting material to Prof Stephen Girvin at the National University of Singapore to assist in the building of the database in respect of the Conventions listed in the Report. Prof Girvin's email address is sdgirvin@nus.edu.sg.

The President also expressed thanks to all the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the International Working Groups but also, in particular, to John Hare for all the work done in preparation of the Istanbul Colloquium and next year's conference in New York.

6. Finances

(a) The Treasurer's report for accounts year ended 31 December 2014

The Treasurer tabled and presented his report of the accounts of the CMI for 2014, with comparative budgets for 2015/6.

(b) The Treasurer's accounts

The CMI annual accounts were then tabled and introduced by the Treasurer. Income for 2014 was €225 991 against expenditure of €215 762 giving a surplus of €10 229 for the year (cf the €11 883 deficit for 2013).

The Treasurer reported further that 2014 reserves closed at €630 626.

Adoption of the Treasurer's report and accounts was proposed by The Netherlands, seconded by Turkey, and approved by show of hands.

(c) The Auditors' Report for 2014

The Report of the Auditors approving the 2014 accounts without reservation was adopted with no dissent, by show of hands.

(d) Budget update for 2015 and Budget for 2016

The Treasurer pointed out to the Assembly that the Constitution requires the Treasurer to prepare budgets for the current year (2015) and a budget projection for the next year (2016). As Assemblies are often conducted in the middle of the CMI financial year, it is appropriate in mid-year to review the estimated budget for the current year against the actual figures of the first half of that budget year.

The Treasurer tabled and presented an updated 2015 budget reflecting a projected deficit of €4 210, and a projected budget deficit for 2016 (without increase of subscriptions) of €2 800. These projections would be affected by the financial result of the Istanbul Colloquium which, upon the good number of attendees, is expected to generate a reasonable surplus. They are considerably lower than the deficit projections submitted to the Assembly in Hamburg (-€18453 for 2016), and accordingly the Executive Council had considered at its meeting on 7 June that it is appropriate that no increase in NMLA subscriptions need be considered at this stage.

The amended budget figures as tabled at the Assembly were noted and approved, without increase in subscriptions. The President reiterated his thanks to the Treasurer for his considerable efforts in relation to the accounts and the budget.

(e) Report of the Chair of the Audit Committee

Måns Jacobsson tabled and presented the report of the Audit Committee, recording first the appreciation of the Committee for the considerable efforts of Benoit Goemans during his time as Treasurer.

He explained that the Audit Committee examines the audit conducted by the CMI's appointed auditors and conducts between its members, in depth discussion of the auditor's report. Owing to geographic separation, these discussions are done by telephone.

The Report of the Audit Committee was proposed by the United States and seconded by Canada, and duly approved, with thanks expressed to Mr Jacobsson and his committee.

(f) Approval of the Nomination of Der Mol Meuldermans & Partners BVBA as auditors for the 2015 accounts

Proposed by The Netherlands, seconded by Turkey and carried by show of hands.

(g) Report on collection of outstanding subscriptions

Vice-President Chris Davis reported on the collection of current NMLA subscriptions. €20 502 was outstanding at 5 June 2015, representing about 10% of total billings for the year. Mr Davis acknowledged with thanks the assistance of Anne Verlinde in collecting outstanding accounts. Regarding prior years, the news was also encouraging in that the amount due has been reduced to €47 847, largely as a result of negotiating settlements, notably with Jorge Radovich's assistance with Latin American collections.

Vice-President Davis asked that the Assembly confirm his and the President's authority to continue to negotiate settlements. The President called for a proposer and seconder. Canada proposed and Malta seconded, and authority was thus confirmed.

(h) CMI Charitable Trust

Patrick Griggs tabled the report of the CMI Charitable Trust for noting by the Assembly.

Mr Griggs notified the Assembly that the Trust had €509 000 in investment holdings, an increase over the €481 000 of the previous year. The Trust's holdings have for the past year produced a return of 5,15%.

Mr Griggs confirmed that the Charitable Trust had again funded the IMLI Prize for the best student, which had been awarded to Ms Vanessa Stewart, who had attended the Istanbul conference, and presented her paper as part of her prize. Ms Stewart was congratulated for her award.

Mr Griggs undertook to prepare a circular for NMLAs giving a review of the activities of the Trust.

7. Members:

(a) Expulsion of MLAs

The President confirmed that there had been no response from the NMLA's of either Pakistan or Bulgaria, and that all reasonable and necessary steps had been taken to attempt to obtain settlement from them. He reminded the Assembly that a resolution had been taken in Hamburg to commence expulsion proceedings against Pakistan and Bulgaria. In the circumstances he considered it appropriate that both Associations regrettably now be expelled.

The proposal to expel Pakistan was proposed by the UK, and seconded by Sweden. The expulsion of Bulgaria was proposed by Switzerland and seconded by Romania.

(b) New Provisional Member

An application for Provisional membership for Capt Ahmed Ruhullah of Bangladesh had been considered by the Executive Council at its meeting on 7 June 2015 and recommended that it be accepted by the Assembly. It was proposed by the USA and seconded by Nigeria and approved by acclamation.

(c) Titulary Members/Nominations

The President reported the receipt of nominations for Titulary Membership which had been considered and recommended for approval to the Assembly by the Executive Council.

The following distinguished persons were elected by acclamation as Titulary

Members:

- (i) Jonathan Lux (UK) - Proposed by the CMI EXCO for his considerable work and efforts in relation to the work of the IWG on Judicial Sales over a number of years
- (ii) Karel Stes (Belgium) - Proposed by Frank Stevens for his significant contributions to the Belgium MLA and his support of the work being done by the CMI.

8. Meetings - CMI2016NewYork

US MLA President Bob Clyne (and Chair of their CMI2016NewYork Planning Committee) and Vincent Foley gave a report on the plans for the combined CMI/US MLA event set for 3 – 6 May 2016.

They are working closely with the CMI President and Secretary-General in the planning of the Conference. The Midtown Hilton Hotel will be the Conference venue, and a roomblock of 250 rooms has been reserved. Professional Conference Organisers have been appointed, and the design of a conference website is under way.

Bob Clyne extended an invitation to all present to come to New York.

9. Work in Progress

The President invited reports from the Chairs of CMI International Working Groups and Standing Committees. Reports were duly tabled and presented in accordance with the Agenda.

Copies of the reports may be obtained from the CMI office at admin-antwerp@comitemaritime.org, and will be placed on the CMI website.

(a) Acts of Piracy and Maritime Violence

Andrew Taylor tabled and presented a piracy update, reporting that there had been no reported Somali piracy attacks in the first quarter of 2015, although there has been an increase in attacks on small coastal tankers in SE Asia. Piracy remains a problem in the Gulf of Guinea.

He mentioned that in Denmark and France there had been compensation orders in favour of pirates for alleged human rights violations. He noted that the UK Piracy Ransom Task Force had published its report, and he concluded that though there has been a decrease in the number of incidents of piracy internationally, the industry should remain vigilant.

(b) Fair Treatment of Seafarers

Vice-President Berlingieri presented Olivia Murray's May 2015 report on the Fair Treatment of Seafarers, including continuing cooperation with Seafarers' Rights International. The CMI has now sent out a questionnaire to update and better assess the approach of NMLA countries, and replies will be analysed by the IWG and reported to EXCO.

The IWG so-sponsored a paper with SRI and the ITF on Fair Treatment in April 2015, for submission to the IMO Legal Committee 102. The paper was unanimously adopted.

(c) Recognition of Foreign Judicial Sales of Ships

Chair Prof Henry Li tabled the IWG Report, on activities during the year post-adoption of the Instrument's text in Hamburg. This included uploading all documentation relating to Judicial Sales to the CMI website, attending and making a presentation at LegCom 102 of the IMO (which included a lunchtime presentation chaired by Patrick

Griggs explaining the import of the Instrument), and pointing to further actions to promote the adoption of the instrument.

The President commended Prof Li and his team for their continuing work, and this acclaim was echoed by all present. The President confirmed that the CMI had yet to find the two promoting countries necessary in order for the text to be placed formally on the agenda of a future LegCom meeting. He confirmed that we have also been asked to confirm to the IMO that there is indeed a 'compelling need' for a convention dealing with judicial sales, and referred to a letter of enquiry he had addressed in this regard to all NMLAs. He asked that all NMLAs please respond as soon as possible. He encouraged all NMLAs to lobby for the promotion of the text, and John O'Connor, for Canada, indicated that Canada may be prepared to co-promote.

(d) Marine Insurance

Jo Grasso, Chair, tabled the report of the Marine Insurance IWG, which was presented by Marc Huybrechts. He reported that following approval by EXCO that the focus of the IWG be limited to four areas of research, this had been the continuing approach of the IWG over the past year. These were

- That minimum insurance certification be required by governments;
- That the IMO extend the Bunker Convention financial security requirements to other convention security requirements.
- That the IWG put out a questionnaire to NMLAs on practices and procedures in the case of termination of insurance cover.

The IWG had also decided to prepare Guidelines relating to minimum insurance certification for discussion with the IMO and the industry.

(e) Cross-border Insolvency

Vice-President Chris Davis tabled and presented the report on Cross Border Insolvency. The IWG has continued its evaluation of the replies received to the May 2012 Questionnaire. It is looking at possibilities of including this topic as an item on the programme for the New York Conference.

(f) Polar Shipping

Nigel Frawley presented the Report of Polar Shipping for IWG Chair, Aldo Chircop. He reported that Profs Goto (Japan) and Y-K Park (S Korea) had joined the IWG with the approval of EXCO. The IWG is closely involved with the development of the Polar Code, and with a review of private maritime law conventions that apply in Polar regions. Particular attention is being given to polar pollution issues. The Group has a sub-committee dealing with civil liability in Polar regions.

The IWG is working closely with the MLA US parallel committee chaired by Philip Buhler with a view to putting on a joint presentation at the New York Conference. Members of the group continue to present papers on polar issues at international conferences, flying the CMI flag.

The Secretary-General commended the Polar Shipping IWG on the enormous amount of time and effort put in by its members, and on the fact that they had agreed to meet for both days of the Istanbul Colloquium.

(g) Review of the Rules on General Average

Taco van der Valk presented the report of the IWG on General Average, and on the significant progress made during the Istanbul deliberations. He tabled the working papers filed for Istanbul and reported that it would appear that broad agreement had been reached on two significant areas of reform: Port of refuge expenses, and salvage. He expressed confidence that reforms could be agreed with wide industry acceptance in time for the New York Conference.

The President thanked the IWG for all the effort they had devoted to the project over the past year.

(h) Rotterdam Rules

Tomotaka Fujita as Chair, tabled and presented the report of the IWG on the Rotterdam Rules.

Prof Fujita reported that members of the group have been working closely with UNCITRAL, especially in relation to UNCITRAL's preparation of an accession kit for the Rules. The report of the IWG makes reference also to the UNCITRAL Working Group IV on Electronic Commerce on which the CMI has again been represented by observers Alexander von Ziegler in Zurich and Messrs Foley and Nolan in New York. The IWG will continue to monitor accession to the Rules, and promote education on the import of the Rules wherever possible. As such it has at this stage no product to produce within a particular time.

(i) Offshore Activities

Patrick Griggs, Chair, tabled and presented the report of the IWG on Offshore Activities.

He reported that at the IMO LegCom 102, Jorge Radovich presented a paper dealing with initiatives and desirability of establishing international agreement on liability issues arising from Offshore Activities.

The Danish and Indonesian governments also presented a paper on model bilateral or multilateral agreements for liability and compensation.

These initiatives will be progressed, with input from the IWG where appropriate.

Mr Griggs and his IWG colleagues convened a full seminar dealing with Offshore responsibilities and liabilities which took place at Istanbul. The future work of the IWG will be guided by what emerged from that seminar.

The President thanked Mr Griggs and his team for a most interesting seminar and commended all for the amount of work clearly put into its preparation.

(j) Cape Town Convention (Since re-named Ship Financing & Security Practices)

Anne Fenech presented her report of the inaugural meetings of this new IWG, whose members had been approved at the first Istanbul EXCO meeting. She gave a brief outline to the members and their likely contributions to the work of the group.

The Secretary-General placed on record that Dr Fenech had produced a text-book example of how to set up an IWG, and commended her for the enthusiasm of the IWG to date.

(k) Arrest of Ships

Vice-President Berlingieri submitted the report of the Arrest of Ships IWG, and confirmed that the group had prepared a questionnaire on the subject which has been sent out to NMLAs. Once replies were received, the IWG would begin an analysis and recommend a way forward.

Sir Bernard Eder had been invited to join the IWG and had readily accepted.

(l) Restatement of *Lex Maritima*

Eric van Hooydonk tabled his report on the work of this IWG. Prof van Hooydonk's report to EXCO and the Assembly gave a summary of the proposed scope of work, and its methodology. Both were duly approved by EXCO, and noted by the Assembly. The final composition of the group as proposed by Prof van Hooydonk was to be held over until the post Assembly EXCO second Istanbul meeting.

(m) Legal Issues arising from the use of Unmanned Ships

The Secretary-General reported that Tom Birch Reynardson had proposed that the CMI become involved in researching the maritime law implications of unmanned craft – the drones of the sea – and that EXCO had approved the project and the

appointment of a new IWG under the chair of Mr Birch Reynardson. It is envisaged that this is a topic where the CMI would be well advised to use the services of yCMI, and that it would be a suitable topic for New York 2016.

The Secretary-General will progress the matter with Mr Birch Reynardson with a view to expanding the IWG.

10. Standing Committees

(a) CMI Charitable Trust

(This has been dealt with above, and is not a Standing Committee of the CMI, but in fact an independent committee of Trustees.)

(b) Young CMI

Chair Taco van der Valk reported on activities relating to Young CMI over the year. He has had approaches from young lawyers all over the world to become involved with CMI work. There have been meetings in Europe for the last ten years, and efforts are continually being made to liaise with those young maritime lawyers groups, such as the initiative in Hamburg last year.

There is considerable support by younger lawyers for the Istanbul Colloquium. The IWG continues to promote the CMI via LinkedIn.

(c) Constitution Committee

The Secretary-General presented the report of Jean-Francois Peters, Chair of the Constitution Committee. The Committee, without Patrice Rembauville-Nicolle, met in Antwerp in February and discussed issues that need to be addressed. It was decided that the Committee should first undertake a clean-up of the current texts (without amendments of substance) and also check consistency between the English and French texts.

It should then move forward to address any substantive amendments.

The Secretary-General confirmed that he had been asked by some NMLAs to look at the nomination and election procedures as reported in the minutes of the Hamburg Assembly, and that this would be undertaken as part of the general review of the Constitution.

He pointed out that any amendments of the Constitution require 60 days' notice to NMLAs and a 2/3 majority vote of the Assembly. The Committee would try to process any amendments well in time for the New York Assembly, and in the process would seek both the approval of EXCO and in the input of member associations as required by the present Constitution.

The Secretary-General then asked the Assembly to approve a mandate to be given to Jean-Francois Peters to enable him to satisfy all formalities required of the CMI by the Belgian authorities, such as but not limited to filing amendments with the Banque Carrefour des Entreprises and publicise such with Moniteur Belge.

The Assembly approved that the Secretary-General issue such authority to Mr Peters.

(d) General Average Interest rates

Taco van der Valk, on behalf of Bent Nielsen, Chair of this Standing Committee explained that the York Antwerp Rules require the Assembly to fix the GA interest rate for the ensuing year. He tabled the Committee's report which recommends a rate of 2.5% for the period 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016. This proposal was proposed by Canada, seconded by The Netherlands, and carried by a show of hands, together with the proviso that EXCO be authorised to vary the rate should there be a change of circumstances over the next few months warranting a recommendation from the Committee that a variation of the rate be made.

(e) Planning Committee

The Secretary-General, as Chair of the Planning Committee, submitted his report. He stressed that though there had been no formal meeting of the committee during the

past year, he has been engaged in micro planning for the Istanbul and lately for the New York events. This has been somewhat at the expense of macro planning, though planning had identified new topics all now covered by CMI research initiatives, including:

- Shipping Implications of the Cape Town Convention
- Ship Nomenclature
- Cybercrime in Shipping
- Maritime Law and Unmanned Craft
- Maritime Law and Refugee Migration at Sea

All but the last (which is an Ad hoc Committee) were now covered by IWGs. All are potential topics for CMI2016NewYork and all could attract the participation of yCMI members.

A further report will be submitted to the New York Assembly.

(f) Jurisprudence on Maritime Conventions

Steven Girvin gave a report from the floor, and confirmed the appointment of a full-time research associate, starting on 1st July 2015. The immediate task is to look at existing information on the CMI database. He wants first to familiarise himself with the way information is stored, presented and accessible and is looking at designing a template to make contributions easier. Prof Girvin suggests that the website be designed to hyperlink summaries to full judgments.

(g) Implementation and Promotion of Maritime Conventions

Deucalion Rediadis as Rapporteur of this Committee reported that the CMI still awaits responses to the questionnaire sent out during 2013.

Mr Rediadis confirmed that the Committee would continue to monitor the implementation but that there was apparently little interest or urgency in the maritime community to implement international instruments.

The President appealed to all NMLAs to respond to this questionnaire.

(h) Publications: Yearbook and Newsletter; LinkedIn, website and Handbook on Maritime Conventions

Vice-President Giorgio Berlingieri reported that the 2014/3 Newsletter covering the last quarter of 2014 is now on the CMI website. The 2014 Yearbook is in print, with copies being available on order from the CMI Antwerp office (admin-antwerp@comitemaritime.org).

There has been some progress on the CMI Handbook on Maritime Conventions, and the Secretary-General will follow up this project with Frank Wiswall, who is the custodian of the Handbook. Prof Wiswall has recently submitted a further proposed table of contents for the new volume.

The Secretary-General reported that the videos of the Hamburg Conference, sans Assembly are now available on the CMI website, and that a favourable response had been received for this new initiative. The Istanbul proceedings, including the Assembly, have been recorded and will be made available on the site.

Gregory Timogenis raised the issue of circulation of yearbooks and a past decision not to circulate hard copies of yearbooks to NMLAs. He suggested that that decision was motivated by CMI finances at that time and that hardcopy yearbooks should now be available to NMLAs in exchange for payment. The Secretary-General replied that 3 copies of the Yearbooks were currently mailed to NMLAs but that further copies could be ordered (while stocks last) from the Secretariat, at a cost to the subscriber.

11. Ad Hoc/New Committees

(a) Arbitration

Luc Grellet as Chair of this IWG tabled a report and referred to the Questionnaire prepared by the IWG which the President had circulated to NMLAs in February 2015. The gist of the questionnaire is to seek the opinion of NMLAs as to whether or not the CMI should continue to be involved in matters of maritime arbitration, and if so, whether it should prepare model rules. The group will report to EXCO once more replies are received, and again the President appealed to all NMLAs to respond to the questionnaire.

(b) Ship Nomenclature

Frank Nolan, the Chair of this new IWG presented his report, and indicated the identity of the IWG members, most of whom had held a meeting in Istanbul on 8th June 2015. He explained that the purpose is to survey what definitions of ships exist in laws around the world and the unintended consequences that can arise from differences in definition. Dr Bulent Sozer had volunteered to join the IWG. The IWG hopes to be able to make a presentation at the New York Conference.

(c) The Future of the CMI

Liz Burrell made a verbal report to the Assembly. She confirmed that there had been telephone contact between the members of her group, and that the group had identified issues to be dealt with, such as frequency of CMI meetings and the website. She hopes to be in a position to report to the New York Assembly.

(d) Potential new studies

See Planning Committee report in para 10(e) above.

12. EU Rapporteur

Vincent Power as the CMI EU Rapporteur presented a summary of a comprehensive report which he has prepared for the CMI. He has agreed that the full report be posted on the CMI website, and that he will provide the CMI with periodic updates.

The Secretary-General thanked Dr Power for his considerable input and for allowing the CMI to put the fruits of his research onto the CMI site.

13. CMI Regional Office in Singapore

The Administrator reported that the registration of the representative office of the CMI in Singapore had been renewed for a further year to April 2016, at which time its 3 year period (allowed under Singapore law) will lapse. It is then usual to upgrade to Branch Status. An attempt will be made to persuade the Singaporean authorities as to the uniqueness of CMI so as to have the 3 year term extended. A number of events had taken place over the past year involving the Administrator both in Singapore and the Region, especially in conjunction with UNCITRAL.

14. Elections

The President invited Mme Justice Johanne Gautier as Chair of the Nominating Committee to present her report. That report recorded the process of calling for nominations, and seeking the input of NMLAs as required by the Constitution. Having considered that input, the Committee recommended the election of officers as follows:

- (i) Stuart Hetherington as President for a second term
- (ii) Giorgio Berlingieri as Vice-President for a second term
- (iii) Tomotaka Fujita as Executive Councillor for a second term
- (iv) Luc Grellet as Executive Councillor
- (v) Taco van der Valk as Executive Councillor.

The President informed the Assembly that in accordance with the Constitution, Mr Peter Verstuyft had been nominated as Treasurer to succeed Mr Goemans with effect

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The President confirmed that there had been no other nominations received for any of the above offices, and therefore in accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure declared all nominees would be duly elected to office by acclamation.
The Assembly noted the elections by acclamation.

15. Any other business

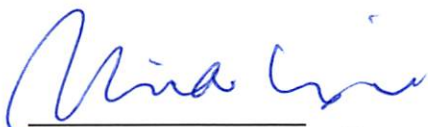
Closing remarks

The President thanked the Turkish Maritime Law Association and in particular its organising committee chaired by Dr Bulent Sozer and Samin Uman, for hosting an enjoyable and successful Colloquium; he also thanked all presenters of papers, Etix and their team of Professional Conference Organisers, the audio visual teams and others who had contributed to the stunning success of Istanbul 2015, especially the sponsors, Turkish Shipowners Association.

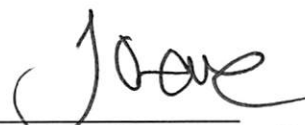
The President noted the retirement from the Executive Council of Messrs Andrew Taylor and Louis Mbanefo, and thanked them for their contributions to the work and fellowship of the CMI.

He then asked out-going Treasurer Benoit Goemans to come up to the podium to receive the thanks of the CMI for his long and loyal service to the CMI, and presented him with a clock as a gesture of thanks – which were heartily endorsed by the acclaim of all present.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 18h00.



STUART HETHERINGTON, PRESIDENT



JOHN HARE, SECRETARY-GENERAL