

CMI
INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON GENERAL AVERAGE

REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE
2013 DUBLIN SYMPOSIUM

Directly following the first meeting of the CMI International Subcommittee on General Average (ISCGA) at the CMI/IMLA Dublin Symposium (28 September - 1 October 2013) a meeting was held by the CMI International Working Group on General Average on Sunday 29 September 2013, under the chairmanship of Bent Nielsen. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Andrew Bardot (United Kingdom/International Group)
Ben Browne (United Kingdom/IUMI)
Richard Cornah (United Kingdom/AAA)
Frédéric Denèfle (France)
Jürgen Hahn (Germany)
Michael Harvey (United Kingdom/ADM)
Kiran Khosla (United Kingdom/ICS) (standing in for Linda Howlett)
Jiro Kubo (Japan)
Sveinung Måkestad (Norway)
Bent Nielsen (Denmark/Chairman)
John O'Connor (Canada)
Katrina Ross (United Kingdom/ICS) (standing in for Linda Howlett)
Peter Sandell (Finland)
Jonathan Spencer (United States)
Taco van der Valk (Netherlands/Co-rapporteur)
Esteban Vivanco (Argentina)

At the meeting the subjects were identified that needed further work according to the ISCGA. The topics that were identified were the following:

Financial Issues (currency and rate of interest)
Rule D
Rules X and XI (including port charges)
Salvage
Security documents
Low Value Cargo
'Tidying up' (wording)
Tug and Tow (Rule B)

It was then decided that for each topic a subgroup of the IWGGA would be formed. Each subgroup would be chaired by an adjuster and, where possible, would also have representatives of shipowners/P&I and hull insurers.

This led to the formation of subgroups, with the following tentative composition:

Financial Issues

Michael Harvey (chairman)
Taco van der Valk
to which group a banker (e.g. at the suggestion of Bent Nielsen) might be added.

Rule D

Esteban Vivanco (Chairman)

Rules X and XI, Security Documents (and processes), Low Value Cargo

Andrew Bardot

Jiro Kubo

Jonathan Spencer (Chairman)

Salvage and Rule B (Tug and Tow)

Ben Browne

Jürgen Hahn (Chairman)

Linda Howlett

Peter Sandell

Tidying Up

The Tidying Up subgroup would become active at a later stage in the project.

The other subgroups were asked to finalize their composition (hull insurers and shipowners/P&I) within a few weeks following the Dublin Symposium.

With the next ISCGA meeting to take place during the CMI Hamburg Conference (15-17 June 2014), it was agreed to strive for a follow-up report of the IWGGA by 1 April 2014. To prepare that report the subgroups were asked to submit their preliminary reports by the end of November 2013 and a meeting was scheduled for the full IWGGA on 27 and 28 January 2014.