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**30 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER 2019**

The 2019 Assembly of the CMI will take place in Mexico City, Mexico on the afternoon of Wednesday, 2nd October 2019, preceded by a two-day colloquium organized jointly by the CMI and the Mexican MLA. This is in accord with the tradition and historical format of holding a full international Conference only once every four years, with Seminars and Colloquia in intermediate years, coinciding with our annual Assembly. The next Conference will be in Tokyo, Japan in 2020.

As many of you know, Mexico City is a cosmopolitan city with a long and layered history, and world-class museums, restaurants and hotels. The programme for Mexico City begins with a welcome cocktail reception for delegates and their partners at the Camino Real Hotel in Polanco, and elegant and iconic hotel-museum designed by the renown and late architect Ricardo Legorreta, which is a short walk from some of the City's trendiest boutiques and best restaurants, and close to Chapultepec Park and Castle, as well as the world-famous Museum of Anthropology.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Camino Real Hotel, where the Assembly and Colloquium programme will take place. Topics to be discussed during the Colloquium will include the offshore energy industry 40 years post-IXTOC I, women in today's shipping world, the future of maritime lawyers, cybercrime and insurance coverage issues, and whether it is time for Latin American Governments to ratify the Civil Liability, IOPC Fund and HNS Conventions. We are including a number of Young CMI speakers in the substantive programme and sessions to ensure yCMI members can attend the Assembly on Wednesday afternoon, 2nd October 2019 (this will be a departure from prior CMI Seminars and Colloquia where the yCMI programme was held at the same time as the Assembly).

There will be a break in the Colloquium programme after the Tuesday morning session on 1st October 2019, to allow delegates and their partners to visit the ancient city of Teotihuacan (and the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon), a UNESCO World heritage site which, according to historians, was the largest city in the Western Hemisphere prior to the Fifteenth Century. Teotihuacan is a short one-hour drive from Mexico City, where we will have lunch before touring the archeological site.



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The Colloquium will conclude with the traditional Gala Dinner for delegates and their partners which will take place on Wednesday evening, 2nd October 2019, at Hacienda de los Morales, one of Mexico's finest restaurants which exudes Spanish colonial architecture and old world charm. We have set up an event website at [www.cmi2019mexico.org](http://www.cmi2019mexico.org) where you will find the current programme with details of the sessions and speakers. The site will be expanded and updated as more detail becomes available. The CMI's Executive Council holds its annual meeting on Sunday, 29 September 2019, the day before the start of the Colloquium. We anticipate that meetings of some CMI International Working Groups and International Standing Committees will take place before, during or after the Colloquium. If you are an IWG or ISC Chair and would like to reserve a venue for a meeting of your committee, please contact the CMI Secretary General.

Beginning on or about 1 April 2019, you will be able to register for the Colloquium via the CMI event site for yourself as delegate and for your partner as an Accompanied Person, and to book a hotel from those listed. Please note "early bird" registration will close at midnight GMT on 31 May 2019.

Mexico City is awaiting to charm and enchant you, and we look forward to seeing all of you at the Assembly and Colloquium. And of course, there will be pre- and post-event tours available to some of the other wonderful cities, fascinating archaeological sites, and beautiful beaches Mexico has to offer. The event's designated tour agency, In World Travel Agency ([inworld.com.mx](http://inworld.com.mx)) and tour executives Juanita Cortez ([jcortez@inworld.com.mx](mailto:jcortez@inworld.com.mx)) and Lourdes Zugarazo ([lzugarazo@inworld.com.mx](mailto:lzugarazo@inworld.com.mx)) will be happy to assist you in making bookings for tours, both before and after the Colloquium.

We look forward to welcoming you to Mexico City.

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