



# COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

## PRESIDENT

17 August 2021

MLA Presidents  
Titulary Members  
Consultative Members

Re: *Virtual Assembly – 30 September 2021 – 1400 Hours (Antwerp Time)*

Dear Presidents, Titulary Members and Consultative Members,

I trust this letter finds you, your families and colleagues in good health and spirits, fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and for those of you living in the Northern Hemisphere, enjoying a summer holiday despite the ongoing pandemic.

The purpose of this letter is to provide formal notice (as required by the CMI Constitution) that a virtual Assembly will take place on Thursday, 30 September 2021, beginning at 1400 hours Antwerp time. We anticipate utilizing Microsoft Teams as a platform for the virtual Assembly, and you will be receiving in due course a link to enable your participation in the meeting (along with links to access electronically the Agenda and relevant documentation).

I apologize if the start time for the Assembly (1400 hours Antwerp time) is inconvenient for some of you but, given the different time zones involved, I am hopeful most (if not all) of you will be able to attend the virtual meeting.

We will do our best to follow the traditional format of a live Assembly, and anticipate a vote will be required on a number of issues, including the election of Executive Councillors, and the application by one or more new National Associations for CMI membership. We will also be providing you with an update on the Tokyo Conference and the Antwerp 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting, and will encourage Chairs to deliver reports on the activities of the various International Working Groups and Standing Committees.

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While the 2020 Accounts and 2021 and 2022 Budgets were unanimously approved during our 30 June 2021 Correspondence Assembly, the Treasurer will provide his customary report during the virtual Assembly, the Secretary General will report on the recently concluded 2020 yCMI Essay Prize competition, and members of the Executive Council will report on matters of interest deliberated during the virtual meeting held the week of 24 May 2021.

I regret we will not be able to conduct an in-person Assembly on 30 September 2021, due to the ongoing pandemic, but very much look forward to seeing you virtually in six weeks.

In the meantime, and on behalf of the Executive Council, thank you for your continued participation in the work of the CMI, and we very much look forward to seeing you virtually on 30 September 2021.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris O. Davis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher O. Davis