COMITE MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT

16th June 2026

Executive Councillors
Presidents of National Maritime Law Associations
Consultative Members
Titulary Members

Dear Presidents and friends

Barely one month has passed since our General Assembly in Rio on the 15th May and we have certainly not allowed any grass to grow under our feet.

We have a set date for Valencia 2027 and I have already had two meetings with our new Administrator and Secretary General with a view to further fine tuning the organisational dynamic of our Comite Maritime International.

Valencia:

Starting first with Valencia, the President of the Spanish Maritime Law Association this week confirmed that Valencia 2027 will be held between **Tuesday 13th and Friday 16th April 2027**. The plan is for EXCO to have its meeting on the Monday 12th and for Tuesday 13th to be dedicated to the work of the IWG's with the actual Conference starting on Wednesday 14th April, ending with the General Assembly and Dinner on Friday 16th April.

Please circulate this date to all your members. I have no doubt that whilst our various meetings held all over the world with the latest resounding success in Rio, are ***ALL*** hard acts to follow, Valencia will more than rise to the occasion and we are already looking forward to it.

I can confirm that our first organisational meeting will be held over the next couple of weeks.

Administration of CMI:

The past four years have given me the great privilege of truly understanding the strengths of our organisation, the potential of our organisation, the past achievements, present achievements and potential future achievements of our organisation.

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I have been energised by the enthusiasm I have come across from NMLAs who are already members of the CMI, from NMLAs who have become members of the CMI or who wish to become members of the CMI, from the enthusiasm of maritime professionals who wanted and have become members of our various IWGs or Standing Committees all of which are working very hard indeed to provide some excellent material which is geared towards the unification of international maritime law in the context of the complex world we live in today.

This has given us the opportunity of understanding the dynamic and what needs to be done going forward to be able to continue to feed and fuel this energy and enthusiasm whilst running a smoother and well oiled organisation.

To this end in this past month since Rio, I have already had two meetings with our new Administrator and new Secretary General and to assist in the continuous process of always bettering our administrative product, Peter and Angelo have very graciously agreed to have the following tasks added to their responsibilities.

In addition to existing tasks Peter Laurijssen as Administrator, will be assisting me with

1. Liaison with the National Maritime Law Associations generally.
2. Liaison with Consultative Members
3. Liaison with Titulary Members
4. Liaison with Press

Peter's email address is cmiadministrator@comitemaritime.org

I would be grateful if you would direct any matters related to the above to Peter copied to me.

In addition to existing tasks Jose Angelo Estrella Faria as Secretary General, will be assisting me with

1. Liaison with IMO and other UN Bodies
2. Liaison with our IWGs and Standing Committees
3. New Membership of our IWG's.

Angelo's email address is secretary-general@comitemaritime.org

I would be grateful if you would direct any matters related to the above to Angelo copied to me.

In addition to the above, and as you are all fully aware, at the General Assembly in Rio we welcomed Prof. Gen Goto from Japan to our Executive Council. All our Exco Members have assigned NMLA responsibilities and Gen has kindly agreed to be the Exco liaison for our Asian National Maritime Law Associations.

For those of you about to go on their summer holidays, may you all have a well earned rest.

Best regards
Yours sincerely

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