

4TH INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE OF MARITIME LAW

”MODERN CHALLENGES OF MARINE NAVIGATION“

Split (Croatia), 13th-14th April 2023

The 4th International Scientific Conference of Maritime Law, which was organized by the Faculty of Law, University of Split and the Adriatic Institute of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, took place in Split, Croatia from 13th to 14th April 2023. It brought together renowned academics and practitioners of maritime law from Australia, Belgium, China, France, Germany, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the USA and Croatia, who exchanged ideas and discussed novelties and challenges of contemporary maritime law.

The Organizing Committee, which was chaired by Prof. Petra Amižić Jelovčić, had prepared an interesting and demanding two-day program. Conference started on both days with the distinguished key-note speakers, who were also the honorary members of the Croatian Maritime Law Association. During the opening session of the first day of the Conference, Dr. Ann Fenech, the President of the CMI, delivered a speech “The Convention on the Judicial Sales of Ships – Why is it so Important?” whereas Professor Emeritus Rhidian Thomas, the Founding Director of the Swansea Institute of Shipping and Trade Law, gave a speech titled “Admiralty Jurisdiction in the Common Law”. Other sessions of the first day were Enforcement of Maritime Claims, New Technologies and Automatisation in Maritime Transport, and Maritime Law Issues in Times of War, with numerous challenging presentations covering various aspects of the listed topics.

During the opening session of the second day, the key-note speeches were delivered by Avv. Giorgio Berlingieri, the CMI Vice-President Honoris Causa, with the speech “Time Bars in Maritime Claims”, and Professor Norman A. Martinez Gutiérrez, the Director of the IMO IMLI, whose speech was titled “IMO’s Efforts to Ensure a Unified Interpretation of the Provisions regarding Loss of Right to Limit Liability”. These key-note speeches were followed by the sessions titled Maritime Casualties, Marine Environmental Law, Implications of the EU Law on the Maritime Sector, Marine Insurance, Classification Societies and Ship Finance, and Various Regulatory Developments Concerning Maritime Transport. All these sessions were concluded by discussions in which numerous participants exchanged their standpoints.

The Assembly of the Croatian Maritime Law Association, which was organized on 13 April and was opened to all the participants of the Conference, was also an opportunity to promote three new editions: a textbook “Maritime Law” by Dragan Bolanča and Petra Amižić Jelovčić, a monography “A Modern Lex Mercatoria for the Carriage of Goods by Sea” by Petar Kragić and Diana Jerolimov, and a special issue of the journal “Comparative Maritime Law” dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the Croatian Maritime Law Association.

The book of proceedings has already been published and will be soon available at the Conference website (www.iscml-split.com) with the program and the list of speakers.

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