



BORDEAUX CMI COLLOQUIUM

10th to 13th June 2003



Organized by The French Maritime Law Association

Letter from the CMI President

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you already have a note in your diaries of this special CMI Colloquium. We have put together a varied and interesting programme. As with all CMI events, delegates are expected to contribute to the discussions – this being a Colloquium, all delegates are free to speak.

Please make a particular note of the fact that there will be a meeting of the CMI International Sub-Committee on General Average. This will run in parallel with the sessions on Electronic Trade on the first day of the Colloquium. Discussions of this topic will be based on a Consultation Paper which will be distributed to all National Associations in early 2003.

Our friends in the Association Française du Droit Maritime have planned a varied social programme which will appeal to all. As they would say: "Venez nombreux". Bordeaux in early Summer is an enticing prospect!

Patrick Griggs

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 10th June 2003

Hangar 14

- ▶ Registration 16.00 – 20.00
- ▶ Welcome reception 19.00 – 22.00

Wednesday 11th June 2003

Hangar 14

▶ Trade and transport law in the electronic age 9.00 – 12.30

This full day programme will be chaired by Johanne GAUTHIER (Canada). Johanne is a member of the CMI Executive Council and is charged with the responsibility for E-Commerce matters. She will gather a group of specialist speakers to debate current topics including the efforts being made to ensure that the CMI/UNCITRAL draft Instrument on Transport Law works, whether the transport contract is on paper or in electronic form. Specific technologies currently used in the maritime community will also be discussed.

This session should be an excellent preparation for the discussions to take place in 2004 at the 38th CMI Conference in Vancouver particularly for those of us who are less knowledgeable about the legal implications of electronic contracts of carriage.

- ▶ Lunch (included in the registration fees) 12.30 – 14.00

▶ General average 14.00 – 18.00

The CMI is the custodian of the York-Antwerp Rules which were last revised in 1994 in Sydney. Since then pressure has grown from the insurance market to amend the Rules and reduce the range of expenses which may be recovered in General Average. A CMI International Working Group, under the chairmanship of Bent NIELSEN (Denmark), has been actively reviewing the Rules and will produce a Consultation Paper in early 2003. This paper will be distributed to all National Associations.

It is proposed that a CMI International Sub-Committee will be created to review the Consultation Paper. National Associations will be invited to send delegates to a meeting of this Sub-Committee which will take place in the margins of the Colloquium.

- ▶ Cocktail reception Chamber of Commerce and Port of Bordeaux Authority 19.00 – 21.00

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Thursday 12th June 2003

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- ▶ **Transport law** 9.00 – 13.00
 In December 2001, the CMI delivered to UNCITRAL a draft Instrument on Transport Law which covered many aspects of Carriage of Goods not previously covered by international convention. The draft Instrument also contained a liability section designed to replace the Hague-Visby and Hamburg Rules with a modern regime balancing the rights and liabilities of ship and cargo. The Instrument provides that the responsibility of the carrier covers the period from the time of receipt to the time of delivery of the goods and therefore may apply door-to-door if the parties so agree.
- As this project progresses, the need for consultation with member National Associations will remain vital. The morning session will offer an ideal opportunity for such a consultation under the chairmanship of Stuart BEARE – Chairman of the CMI International Sub-Committee on Transport Law.
- ▶ **Excursion around a Bordeaux vineyard** 13.00 – 19.00
 For all delegates and guests.
 Lunch-tasting at the "Maison des Vins":
Guided tour of the medieval city of Saint Emilion, real open-air museum, the monolithic church, the Bell Tower, the "Collégiale" church, the Cordeliers convent,...
 Visit to wine cellars and wine tasting in a Château.
- ▶ Free evening

Friday 13th June 2003

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- ▶ **Developments in international maritime law** 9.00 – 12.30
 The CMI President, Patrick GRIGGS, will chair both morning sessions which will be devoted to a review of recent and current work aimed at harmonising International Maritime Law.
- Different speakers will review the IMO work on Maritime Security, the 2002 Protocol to the 1974 Athens Convention, 2001 Bunker Convention, current efforts to implement the 1996 HNS Convention and the draft Wreck Removal Convention.
- For the CMI, Professor Malcolm CLARKE and Professor John HARE will review progress on the CMI Marine Insurance project and Stuart HETHERINGTON, a member of the CMI Executive Council, will report on the work of his International Working Group on Places of Refuge.
- ▶ **Lunch (included in the registration fees)** 12.30 – 14.00

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- ▶ **CMI Assembly 2003** 14.00 – 17.00
 The afternoon will be taken up by the CMI Annual Assembly to which National Associations will be invited to send up to 3 delegates. Titulary Members of the CMI may also attend though they may not vote.
- ▶ **Closing dinner (optional)** 19.00 – 24.00
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Walking visit of the 18th century Bordeaux: "Place de la Bourse", the Fountain of the Three Graces, the listed buildings sector, "Place du Parlement", "Place Saint Pierre", the pedestrian quarter, "hôtels particuliers" (town mansions with courtyards), the "Grand Théâtre", the "Place des Quinconces".
- Visit of the Museum of Decorative Art**, located in an impressive, late 18th century mansion, between "courtyard and garden". Various and rich collections from the 18th and 19th centuries: furniture, ceramics, glassware, chinaware, jewellery, ironwork, weapons and miniatures, etc.
- Lunch, and visit of the capcMusée of Contemporary Art**, settled in a splendid 19th century building, a genuine colonial produce warehouse, which stored merchandise shipped from India, America, West Indies and Africa, with which the port was trading at the time.
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POST-COLLOQUIUM TOUR

Saturday 14th June

▶ **Day tour on Bassin d'Arcachon (optional)** 9.00 – 17.00

This excursion will be organized for at least 25 registered people. So it is necessary to register beforehand.

Between the Landes Forest and the Atlantic ocean, this region is well known for its oysters and gastronomy and of course for the seashore, fishing, sailing and on the Atlantic side the very large sand beaches.

Climbing of the Pyla sand dune (the highest in Europe at 117 m) with a marvellous panorama.

Visit of an oyster farm and oyster tasting.

"Fisherman" lunch.

Arcachon: the "Winter town" and its marvellous mansions, witnesses to the glorious past of Arcachon, the Parc Pereire, the walk way along the beach. Then a tour of the Bassin d'Arcachon by boat.

GENERAL INFORMATION

▶ Colloquium secretariat

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▶ Colloquium location

Hangar 14: on the bank of the river Garonne, in the center of Bordeaux.

Quai des Chartrons, between " rue Poyenne " and " cours du Médoc ".

Map on www.mappy.com

▶ Registration

With the registration form to be returned to the colloquium secretariat as soon as possible.

All the participants, chairmen, speakers included, are kindly requested to complete and return their registration form.

A confirmation/invoice will be sent to each registered person along with the name and address of the hotel.

▶ Registration fees

- Until 15th January 2003 550 €
- From 16th January to 15th April 2003 620 €
- As of 16th April 2003 700 €

▶ Registration fees cover

- Attendance to the conferences and simultaneous translation French/English
- The coffee breaks
- The working lunches on Wednesday 11th and Friday 13th
- The welcome reception on Tuesday 10th
- The cocktail reception on Wednesday 11th
- The excursion around the Bordeaux vineyard on Tuesday 12th (lunch included)

▶ **Guest fees:**200 €

Including (see details in the programme):

- The welcome reception on Tuesday 10th
- The Bordeaux visit, museums on Wednesday 11th (lunch included)
- The cocktail reception on Wednesday 11th
- The excursion around a Bordeaux vineyard on Tuesday 12th (lunch included)

▶ **Optional registrations**
(open to all attendees and guests):

- Closing dinner to Château Giscours on Friday 13th53 € / p
- Day tour to the "Bassin d'Arcachon" on Saturday 14th65 € / p

▶ **Payment**

To be valid, registration forms must be returned with the corresponding payment in Euros by cheque or by credit card.

▶ **Cancellations**

In writing to the Colloquium secretariat. Cancellations received until 31st May 2003, refund less a lump sum of 90 €.

▶ **Accommodation**

Pre-booking has been made with various hotels in the city centre. So that we can ensure your reservation in the category you have chosen, please return your registration form as soon as possible and before the deadline of 15th April 2003, the month of June being a very busy one in Bordeaux.

After the deadline, bookings will be made according to the accommodation available. The requested deposit enables us to ensure your reservation and will be deducted from your hotel bill to be paid directly to the hotel at the end of your stay.

▶ **Reduction vouchers**

Participants benefit from a special congress reduction on Air France domestic flights (up to 50% according to the flights) and on the French railway network, SNCF (20%).

The reduction vouchers are sent together with the confirmation of registration.