

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The National Maritime Law Associations of Italy, Slovenia and Croatia in their plans for the future common activities:

Starting from their common mission of development and unification of maritime law, which is also their main task as member associations of the Comité Maritime International,

Having in mind the rich history of various successful bilateral projects, conferences and seminars,

Based on repeatedly expressed mutual desire and readiness to commence a continuous form of cooperation among the three national associations,

Motivated by the necessity of regional and sub-regional approach in all forms of contemporary international relations among states and non-governmental organizations,

Guided by the decision to develop the collaboration with colleagues in the field of maritime law, as well as in the related fields of transport law and law of the sea in all countries within the Adriatic Sea sub-region and Mediterranean Sea region,

Have reached an agreement to initiate the following forms of permanent cooperation:

I. Organization of an annual event "The Adriatic Maritime Law Conference" (AMLC or ADRIA MARLAW)

- a. Conference will change its venue every year as to take place in another country;
- b. Conference will use English as its working language since it is the common language of the maritime law profession - with the purpose of avoiding costly interpretation;
- c. Every national MLA will bear the cost of travel and accommodation for its members attending the Conference or the participants will bear their cost individually;
- d. The national MLA hosting the Conference will bear the basic organizational cost (conference room, publication of the brochures with programmes etc.) to be covered from the Conference budget (fees, sponsorships, subsidies etc.);
- e. The participating Adriatic associations (AMLAs) will decide by consensus about the types and amounts of registration fees, which should be kept at the levels as to make participation affordable;
- f. The participating MLAs will promote the participation of young members (under 40) as to provide for them lower registration fees, and organize special conference sessions with "Young AMLA" speakers;



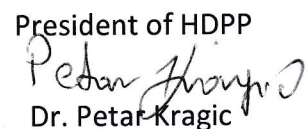
- g. The participating MLAs will make efforts to provide additional funding for their common activities from national and international sources, and use these funds for common purposes such as: publication of Conference proceedings (in electronic and/or hard copy form), inviting key note speakers from outside the three MLAs (i.e. from the CMI, IMO, EMSA, IMLI, WMU and other prominent organizations and institutions in the field of maritime law) and covering their travel and accommodation costs, setting and maintenance of a special website, keeping data bases and helping the host MLA to organize the annual event etc.
- II. **Communication with colleagues in other Adriatic coastal states:** Albania and Montenegro, with the intention of including their attendance at the AMLC and providing them with all forms of assistance if they should decide to establish maritime law associations in their countries, including their acceptance as members of the CMI.
- III. **Initiative for the Mediterranean maritime law cooperation:** exchange ideas with other regional neighbouring MLAs, namely associations in France, Greece, Israel, Malta, Spain and Turkey, possibly extending also this initiative to other countries in the Mediterranean region where maritime law associations may be established and become members of the CMI, in order to reach an agreement on our future common activities including an event which would take place every two years as "The Mediterranean Maritime Law Conference" (MMLC or MEDMARLAW), again with the special emphasis on the role of "Young MMLA" sessions.
- IV. **Promotion of the initiatives of the Adriatic and Mediterranean maritime law cooperation within and under the auspices of the Comité Maritime International** and seeking its support, as well as with other relevant international organizations and institutions (i.e. IMO, EMSA, IMLI, WMU).

The three maritime law associations will bring all their future decisions dealing with details of their common activities by consensus, based on this memorandum of understanding.

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