

COMITE MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT

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MLA Presidents Titulary Members Consultative Members Executive Council

Dear Presidents, dear colleagues, dear friends.

Two weeks following Gothenburg, we are all still talking about the hugely successful Colloquium held there which provided us all with the wonderful opportunity to follow the exceptional panels expertly chaired with top quality first class contributions, all very varied and equally interesting and the wonderful social programme. The 1920's dinner was truly memorable.

I have thanked Paula Backden and her team several times however in this my first letter post the Colloquium – once again thank you Paula and team. This Colloquium will be remembered for a very long time.

As you all know dear friends, during Gothernburg our IWG on Lex Marittima produced the Gothenburg Draft on the Lex Marittima. This is the result of many years of work and from here I would like to thank Eric Van Hooydonk and Jesus Casas and the entire IWG for their efforts and hard work.

As a result I am attaching hereto the Questionnaire prepared by the IWG. The very ambitious plan is to present the finalised draft in Tokyo. This is very ambitious indeed and to help the IWG on Lex Marittima reach this objective we need the co-operation of each and every national maritime law association.

I am therefore asking all national maritime law associations to please respond to the attached questionnaire by the **1**st of November</sup> and send you replies to Eric van Hooydonk and Jesus Casas by this date. <u>Please help us reach this objective.</u>

I am attaching hereto a Covering letter, the Questionnaire and the Draft Lex Marittima.

In the meantime I cannot let this opportunity pass without keeping you abreast of the developments on our project on the Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships.

I can confirm that the Malta celebration during which states will be given the opportunity of signing the Convention in Malta will be taking place on the 19th of June and we are now working towards participating in this important event. The Treaty Book will be brought to Malta from New York and it promises to be the next important exciting step in the life of our Convention which is progressing at a very fast and swift pace.

Please follow our social media for the latest news including our Linked in Pages.

As we approach the summer season I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all some restful down time with friends and families over the summer months.

Best regards

Yours sincerely

Ann Fenech