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President's Message

Dear fellow members

Happy New Year to all MLAANZ members! 2011 ended with a bang as we joined with our US and Canadian friends in Honolulu for the first joint conference in over 20 years. Those who attended were, I believe, delighted with the welcome we received from our overseas counterparts and we learned much about the different approaches to many aspects of maritime law in the US and Canadian contexts. There were many highlights, but just to name a few:

- Pat Bonner, the President of the US MLA delivered the Dethridge Memorial Address and had spent much time researching the history of Australian and New Zealand maritime law. His address was insightful and entertaining and I commend it to all of you when it is published in the A & NZ Maritime Law Journal
- The papers delivered on behalf of MLAANZ were universally outstanding and were of great interest to many of the US and Canadian delegates. Special thanks to all those who took the trouble to produce such excellent presentations (the papers and powerpoints will be available to all

members in due course via the website): Allsop P, Rares J, Prof Martin Davies, Paul David, A/Prof Craig Forrest, Piers Davies, Ole Varmer, Peter McQueen, Geoff Farnsworth, Greg Nell SC, David McEwan, Jay Paré, Ron Salter, Adrian Duffy and Stuart Hetherington

- Excellent results were achieved in the fun run – particularly by Craig Forrest and Aurea Palma
- The “BloodySlow Cup” was won this year by Prof Nick Gaskell of the University of Queensland, for the loudest Hawaiian shirt amongst the Australian and New Zealand contingent, with Rares J a creditable runner-up.



Professor Martin Davies – ignoring the dress code for the Conference

I am confident that we can repeat the success of the 2011 Conference in Brisbane later this year. I look forward to seeing many of you at the various maritime law and industry events being planned for 2012 and wish you all a prosperous and enjoyable year.

With my best wishes to you all

CMI

Stuart Hetherington and Sarah Derrington attended the Annual CMI Assembly in Oslo on 27 September 2011 and the Seminar hosted by the Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law.

The matters on which CMI is working, and which will be discussed in detail at the CMI Conference in Beijing in October of this year, are:

- Piracy
- Fair Treatment of Seafarers
- LLMMC and the Australian proposal to increase limits
- Salvage
- Judicial Sale of Ships
- Implementation and Interpretation of International Conventions
- Marine Insurance
- Cross-border insolvencies
- Arctic/Antarctic issues

MLAANZ will need to reach an agreed view on the many of the issues raised by these topics before the Beijing Conference (14-19 October 2012). Consequently, sub-committees are, or will be, established with a view to those committees reporting to the Annual Conference prior to CMI. Any member who is interested in participating in any of the sub-committees should contact Sarah Derrington.



NZ Branch Annual Conference

26-27 April 2012

Hilton Hotel – Taupo, NZ

MLAANZ Annual Conference 2012

Save the date: 13-14 September 2012

Stamford Plaza Hotel & Customs House - Brisbane



Upcoming Maritime Events

Maritime Logistics 2012

30-31 January 2012 – Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre

WISTA Australia Official Launch

22 February 2012
Doltone House, Pyrmont

ICMA2012

13-18 May 2012
Pan Pacific Hotel – Vancouver, Canada

**International Maritime Law Arbitration
Moot 2012 – Brisbane**
6-10 July 2012

<http://www.law.murdoch.edu.au/maritimemoot/index.html>

Branch websites

All Branch Committees are requested to check and update their Committee & Event details as a matter of priority.

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