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ICMA XXI Fast Approaching

Maritime arbitrators, lawyers and other global shipping industry stakeholders are being invited to deliberate and exchange views on matters of professional interest at the International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators (ICMA) XXI.

Established in 1972, and last held in Copenhagen in 2017, the forum is next being hosted at the Belmond Copacana Palace Hotel (Rio de Janeiro) from March 8-13, 2020.

According to the official ICMA XXI Website, the forum is an important event in every maritime and commercial arbitrator's calendar.

"ICMA has grown to host delegates from 26 countries on average, presenting approximately 100 papers," it states.

"The international maritime conferences are generally composed of arbitrators, lawyers, ship owners, charterers and other industry professionals.

"Aside from providing a forum for discussion and presentations, scholarly papers, the Congress always includes a social programme for accompanying persons and delegates. A black tie dinner is a tradition, as are one or two cocktail parties."

Among topics that are likely to be covered by forum speakers include:

- contemporary national maritime/commodity arbitration matters including costs issues
- procedural maritime/commodity arbitration issues
- contemporary shipping problems including new regulation, insolvency, obtaining security
- charterparty issues
- commodities contracts, bills of lading and cargo issues
- contractual issues including measure of damages
- ship sales, shipbuilding and offshore issues
- insurance issues
- new technologies issues including AI, blockchain, big data

Important links for those considering attending include:

- [official Website](#)
- [programme](#)
- [registration](#)
- [other contacts](#)

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