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# PRESS RELEASE

ICMA XVII online registration now open  
*Website for Congress sets out full programme*

**Hamburg, 24 February 2009:** The Host Committee of the ICMA XVII, the Seventeenth International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators, proudly announces the launch of the conference's website – [www.icma2009.org](http://www.icma2009.org). The internet website gives a comprehensive and colourful picture of what may be expected of the Hamburg conference. From now on participants and their spouses may register online, using the early bird price reduction. From October 4 to 9, 2009 some 300 arbitrators from all over the world are anticipated to gather in Hamburg for the world summit of maritime arbitration.

First responses to the call for papers have been received and it is already clear that the subject matter of the Congress will be extremely interesting. Outlines may still be sent to the Topics Committee up until 15 March. . Above all there will be plenty of occasions to exchange views and liaise with colleagues and friends. On the traditional social day the participants and their guests will visit Berlin, right at the moment when the German capital celebrates the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Federal Republic and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of German reunification. The detailed programme can be seen on [www.icma2009.org](http://www.icma2009.org).

The German Maritime Arbitration Association will host the conference.