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PRESS RELEASE

Piracy an issue at ICMA XVII

The Hamburg Summit of Maritime Arbitrators with an exciting programme

Hamburg, 25 March 2009:

Piracy has become a dramatic scourge of shipping and international trade. The attacks by pirates in the Gulf of Aden will be addressed by politicians, armed forces and the shipping industry. But also legal consequences need to be discussed. Who bears the risk of time lost due to piracy? May an owner deviate from the intended route in order to protect vessel and crew? What situations and what costs can be covered by insurance? These are only some of the issues which will be in focus at ICMA XVII, the Seventeenth International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators, which will take place in Hamburg, Germany, from 5 to 9 October 2009. In fact, the Call for Papers has produced a large number of most interesting papers to be delivered during the conference. David Martin-Clark, a well known arbitrator in London and Hamburg and also the Chairman of the Topics & Agenda Committee of ICMA XVII, says: "Now that the deadline for submission of Outlines has passed, ICMA is delighted to report a tremendous response to its Call for Papers, with which its Topics & Agenda Committee is presently dealing. Every effort will be made to ensure that contributors who register for and attend the Congress will have the opportunity to present their papers."

The updated internet website gives all necessary details concerning the venue, the costs and the social program. The titles of the papers will be published later on www.icma2009.org.