



**CMI ASSEMBLY MEETING & SEMINAR**  
**GENOA - 8 SEPTEMBER 2017**  
**REGISTRATION OPENS 1 MAY 2017**

The 2017 Assembly of the CMI will take place in Genoa, Italy on the afternoon of Friday, 8 September 2017, preceded by a half-day seminar organised jointly by the CMI and the Italian MLA. This is in accord with the traditional and historical format of holding a full International Conference only once every four years, with Seminars and Colloquia in intermediate years, coinciding with our annual Assembly. The next Conference will be in 2020.

As many of you will know, the Italian MLA is one of the most active and responsive MLAs in the CMI family. It is also the home of a long-serving President of the CMI and President *Ad Honorem*, Professor Francesco Berlingieri. We look forward to welcoming Francesco in his home city to a CMI event as our Guest of Honour.

The programme for Genoa starts with a welcome reception for delegates and their partners at the Genoa Aquarium on Thursday evening, 7 September. On Friday, the working day begins with the morning Seminar at the beautiful Doge's Palace, which is a few minutes from the historic Bristol Palace Hotel at which we have reserved a block of rooms at a preferential rate.

Topics to be discussed at the seminar will include Ship Financing, Offshore Activities, the Hanjin Bankruptcy, and the US law on Bunker Supply contracts and its effect on the international arrest of ships. There will be an update on the legal issues arising from the continuing tragedy of the loss of refugees and migrants in the Mediterranean – for which Italy undoubtedly bears the brunt.

The seminar is followed by a networking lunch at the Doge's Palace and then on Friday afternoon, the CMI Assembly will take place across the square in the spectacular Old Stock Exchange Building.

At the same time, the Young CMI and Young Italian MLA groups will present a further seminar, again in the Doge's Palace. One of the speakers will be this year's CMI IMLI Prizewinner. A topic up for debate is the shipping law implications of the Ballast Water Convention that is due to take effect the same day.

The working day will end with a Gala Dinner for delegates and their partners at a magnificent Genoese villa.

We have set up an event website at [www.cmi2017genoa.org](http://www.cmi2017genoa.org) at which you will find the current programme with details of the sessions and speakers. The site will be expanded as more detail becomes available. You will see that the CMI's EXCO holds its annual meeting on 7 September – the day before the Assembly. We hope that some meetings of CMI International Working Groups or International Sub-Committees will take place that day too. If you are an IWG Chair and would like to reserve a venue for a meeting of your committee, please contact the Secretary-General.

From next week, you will be able to register for the event via the CMI event site for yourself as delegate and for your partner as an Accompanied Person, and to book an hotel from those listed.

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Earlybird Registration opens on the event website  
Monday, 1 May  
and will close at midnight GMT on Sunday 21 May

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Genoa, and the area of Italy in which it lies, abound with history and beauty. Attending the events on Friday leaves the weekend free for you to explore. There will be pre- and post- event tours available – and Laura Baldi, our event organiser will be happy to assist you making bookings, both before and after the meeting. We encourage you to visit the beautiful nearby regions, such as the *Riviera di Levante* including Portofino, Cinque Terre and Golfo dei Poeti. And the *Riviera di Ponente*.

We look forward to welcoming you to Genoa.

*Stuart Hetherington*  
**PRESIDENT, CMI**

*John Hare*  
**SECRETARY-GENERAL, CMI**

*Giorgio Berlingieri*  
**PRESIDENT, AIDIM**