



9th IVR Colloquium

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS
AND RULES IN INLAND NAVIGATION

International conventions on the carriage of goods, limitation of liability in inland navigation, Registration of inland vessels and collisions in inland navigation, General Average

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Inland Waterway Transport is characterised by its international, cross border activities. On an annual basis some 550 million tonnes are carried on European waterways along with some 1.4 billion passengers on a cruise trip. The 40.000 km waterways cross many different countries located along major rivers in Europe. Given this scope of inland navigation international conventions play a major role in order to provide legal certainty and clarity to the involved barge owners and their insurers. Inland navigation in the past decades succeeded to realise two important new conventions, governing the contract of the carriage of goods (CMNI) and the limitation of liability (CLNI) which were successfully implemented. The later one was renegotiated and signed in a new version in 2012, known as CLNI 2012. This Convention will enter into force on **1 July 2019**, widening the scope of its predecessor and allowing its ratification by all interested State Parties. Serbia, being the first country to ratify this important convention, will be the host country of the 9th Colloquium in Belgrade.

Other international conventions that are already in force since decades and providing a legal basis for both the

registration and the collisions of inland vessels will be reviewed at the colloquium.

General average is the well known principle of maritime and inland navigation law whereby vessel and cargo owner proportionally share any losses resulting from a voluntary sacrifice of part of the ship or cargo to save the whole in an emergency. In parallel to the maritime York Antwerp Rules IVR in the past century introduced the General Average Rules IVR which are partly implemented into national law (Netherlands and Serbia) and partly agreed as general conditions between the contracting parties. In recent years the institute of General Average is under discussion although its importance is not questioned.

The above developments will be highlighted by a number of key note speakers in the colloquium which will offer participants the possibility to discuss all topics with the speakers in more or less interactive sessions. Furthermore the event will provide a networking platform with representatives of the river commissions, governments, transport professionals, lawyers and all relevant stakeholders.

Participants

The colloquium is open to the representatives of international institutions, national administrations, shipping companies, ship-owners, ports, port- and inland waterway authorities, shippers, hull-, cargo- and P&I-insurers, brokers, salvors, surveyors, lawyers, judges and university teachers and other interested persons.

Language

English

Attendance Fee

- IVR Members: € 375,- per person
- Non IVR members: € 450,- per person
- * net price excl. 21% VAT (according to EU VAT guidelines) and accomodation

The attendance fee includes:

- Attendance to the programme of the Colloquium
- lunch, coffee, tea and other drinks served during the Colloquium
- Dinner & boat trip and networking event
- Attendance only at the boat trip and networking dinner.€ 100,- per person (excl. VAT).

Registration

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Programme



09.00 Registration

10.00 Opening and addresses

Dr. Philippe Grulois, *President IVR*
Dr. Veljko Kovačević, *Assistant Minister of Transport of Serbia, Belgrade*
Manfred Seitz, *Director General of the Secretariat of the Danube Commission, Budapest*
Katrin Moosbrugger, *deputy Secretary General of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine, Strasbourg (tbc)*

MODERATOR Dr. Peter Csoklich,
Lawyer at Doralt, Seist, Csoklich Vienna

PART I

10.30 General introduction by the moderator CLNI 2012 and CMNI

State of ratifications and national implementations
Dr. Peter Csoklich, *lawyer at Doralt, Seist, Csoklich Vienna*
Filip Milosevic, *M.L.B., lawyer at Advokatska kancelarija Milosevic, Belgrade*

Case law regarding CMNI and CLNI: Autonomous interpretation of the conventions?

Presentation of the database of case law on CMNI/CLNI:
Theresia Hacksteiner, *Secretary General IVR*
Comparison of case law in different countries
Vivian van der Kuil, *lawyer at AKD, Rotterdam*
Markus Jaegers, *lawyer at NJP Grotstollen, Duisburg*

Relevance of unification by CMNI and CLNI for the insurance and legal practice: "Unification versus national deviations"
Dr. Johannes Trost, *lawyer at LEBUHN & PUCHTA, Hamburg*

Q&A and discussion

13.00 – 15.00 Lunchbreak

PART II

15.00 Inventory of existing conventions in IWT, relevance and need for update? Convention on the registration of inland navigation vessels

Massimiliano Grimaldi, *lawyer at Grimaldi Studio Legale, Genova*

Collision convention in inland navigation

Dr. Olaf Hartenstein, *lawyer at Arnecke Sibeth Dabelstein, Hamburg*

General average: importance and national developments, ivr general average rules

Dr. Jolien Kruit, *lawyer at Van Traa, Rotterdam*
Dr. Zsolt Kovács, *lawyer at Gárdos Mosonyi Tomori, Budapest*

Q&A and discussion

17.00 Synthese and conclusions

Theresia Hacksteiner, *Secretary General IVR*

19.00 Dinner and networking event

on board passenger vessel 'Sirena'