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### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS INLAND SHIPPING LAW KEY DURING THE INLAND SHIPPING LAW CONFERENCE 2022

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On November 3 and 4, 2022, the **Inland Shipping Law Conference 2022** took place in the vibrant city of Rotterdam – home to Europe's largest seaport and an important hub for inland navigation. At the VNAB (Dutch Insurance Exchange Association), IVR and Erasmus School of Law were able to welcome about 100 participants from over 10 different countries. Amongst them were law professionals, insurers, surveyors, academia, several master students and other professionals dealing with or interested in inland shipping law.

During this conference, a panel of international expert speakers gave presentations on recent developments in inland shipping law. Topics like: liability for incidents with dangerous goods, the 'fault of the vessel' concept in light of the autonomous future and many more were handled. The presentations were followed by interesting discussions led by various professionals. The first conference day was concluded with a 4-course dinner at the prestigious Schielandshuis, a 17<sup>th</sup> century national monument, which originally housed the Board of Directors for the Schieland Water Board. It was built at a time when the Coolingsingel was still a canal and the skyline of Rotterdam was determined by the Laurenskerk. In 1665 the Schielandshuis was taken into use by polder administrators of wealthy descent. They ensured, among other things, that the water in the city was contained. All in all, the perfect location to talk about the current challenges in inland navigation.

The motivation behind this conference is the Festschrift Resi Hacksteiner, "*A voyage through the Law of Inland Shipping*". The contributions in this Festschrift deal with various subjects with respect to inland navigation law and is therefore an important contribution to the legal literature on this topic.

IVR is actively promoting and stimulating the harmonization and unification of inland navigation and liability at a pan-European level. The association organizes i.a. colloquia to promote the implementation of international conventions and recommendations of international conditions and transport documents. The 10<sup>th</sup> IVR colloquium is planned for autumn 2023.

Presentations, information about the speakers and photos can be found on the IVR website [www.ivr-eu.com](http://www.ivr-eu.com).

*IVR, International Association for the representation of the mutual interests of the inland shipping and the insurance and for keeping the register of inland vessels in Europe.*



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