



**CMI Assembly and Colloquium in Montreal
Wednesday 14th June – Friday 16th June 2023**

17th February 2023

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we are able to provide you with further details of the CMI Assembly and Colloquium to be held in the beautiful city of Montreal between Wednesday 14th June and Friday 16th June. The venue of the Colloquium is Le Centre Sheraton Montreal – a Marriott Hotel.

The organising committee has been working very hard to provide as interesting a programme as possible and we attach hereto our *Preliminary Programme*. It is “preliminary” in so far that it will benefit from some further content and detail however we were very keen to let you have a “sneak preview” of what it is looking like to whet your appetite. I am sure you will agree that it is varied indeed. We have thrown our net far and wide and captured a variety of topics including - the Convention on Judicial Sales which is set for signing in Beijing probably during September of this year and therefore hugely topical, Collisions, MASS, Mobile Off Shore Renewable Units, the harmonising of the application of the Limitation of Liability Conventions, Lex Maritima, Cyber Security Threats in the maritime sector, the Responsibilities and Liabilities of the Master, the Effects of Climate Change and Ethics.

You will see from the attached preliminary programme which will also be available on the event website at cmi2023.cmla.org within the coming few days that the first day of the Colloquium sessions will be Thursday the 15th. However, Wednesday 14th June has been left for IWGs and SCs to organise their meetings. Some IWGs and SCs have opted to take advantage of Montreal by holding their own closed meetings, others have reached a stage in their work of benefitting from open meetings. We can confirm that the IWGs on MASS, Cyber Security and Marine Insurance will be holding meetings open to all delegates at the Colloquium who wish to attend.

Our Canadian colleagues will also be putting together an interesting parallel programme for accompanying persons which is expected to provide events ranging from walks around the old city of Montreal to visits to museums. Further details of the accompanying persons programme will be provided as soon as the arrangements have been firmed up.

The organisational committee did come across an unforeseen challenge which relates to the Montreal Grand Prix. When our Canadian colleagues started to work on the Montreal Colloquium, the Montreal Grand Prix was scheduled to take place on the *weekend before* our Colloquium. However some months ago, the Grand Prix organisers changed the Grand Prix weekend to the *weekend at the end* of our colloquium week.

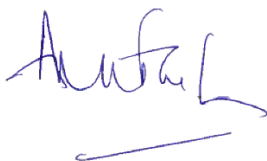
The challenge that this has presented is that the accommodation / hotel costs during the Grand Prix weekend quadruples!

However our Canadian colleagues have done a very good job in convincing the Sheraton Hotel to maintain the agreed rates which are very advantageous from Monday 12th June to Friday 16th June. The rate will be Canadian \$279 single/double, Canadian \$319 Triple and Canadian \$389 Quad (plus tax) per night. On Saturday 17th the rate goes up to Canadian \$999 plus tax per night minimum two nights Saturday/Sunday!

We have therefore had to block book rooms, and accordingly the availability of these rooms will be very much on a first come, first served basis. We will shortly be sending another communication with the hotel reservation details and the details for registration for the Colloquium. We would like to encourage you to book your accommodation and register for the Colloquium as early as possible after you receive these details to avoid disappointment.

In order to ensure your accommodation at the Colloquium, we would strongly recommend that you first book your hotel accommodation and then register for the Colloquium. Please do look out for our next communication in this regard.

We very much looking forward to seeing you in Montreal in June at what promises to be another wonderful event, following hot on the heels of our magnificent 125th Anniversary celebration in Antwerp.



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