The 3rd Arab Conference for Commercial and Maritime Law, ACCML'09
Bibliotheca Alexandrina, April 18-19, 2009, EGYPT

1st DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009

08:00 to 08:30 Registration

08:30 to 09:30 Opening Session

- Dr. Mohamed Farghali SAYED, Director General, Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AAST&MT)
- Kate LANNAN, Legal Officer, Secretary of Working Group on Transport Law, International Trade Law Division, UNCITRAL Secretariat
- Mr. Nigel FRAWLEY, Secretary General of the Comité Maritime International (CMI)
- Prof. Christian SCAPEL, Maître de conférences à la Faculté de droit et de science politique d'Aix-Marseille, Président de l'Institut Méditerranéen des Transports Maritimes, Marseille, France
- Dr. Iman RAMADAN, Dean of the Institute for International Transport and Logistics, AAST&MT
- Dr. Khaled HANAFY, Dean of the College of International Transport and Logistics, AAST&MT
- Dr. Nader IBRAHIM, Chairman of the Arab Society for Commercial and Maritime Law (ASCML) and ACCML'09 Co-ordinator

09:30 to 10:00 1st Coffee Break

10:00 to 11:20 1st Session: Arab Shipping & Legal Reform - The Stakeholders’ Views

Moderator: Dr. Khalid HANAFY, Dean of the Institute for International Transport and Logistics, AAST&MT
- Admiral Essam BADAWI, Secretary General of the Arab Seaports Federation
- General Mazin NADEEM, Chairman of the Arab Federation for Freight Forwarders and Logistics
- Admiral Hatem EL-KADY, Chairman of the Arab Federation of Chambers of Shipping
- Admiral Mohamed YOUSSIF, Chairman of the Arab Federation of Shipping

11:20 to 11:30 ASCML Award Ceremony
11:30 to 13:30 2nd Session: Rotterdam Rules and Uniformity of Law: The Background and Scope of Application

Moderator: Prof. Christian SCAPEL, Maître de conférences à la Faculté de droit et de science politique d’Aix-Marseille, Président de l'Institut Méditerranéen des Transports Maritimes, Marseille, France

• "The History of the CMI Involvement in the Preparation of the Rotterdam Rules", Mr. Nigel FRAWLEY, Secretary General of the Comité Maritime International (CMI)

• "The Rotterdam Rules: The UNCITRAL Perspective", Kate LANNAN, Legal Officer, Secretary of Working Group on Transport Law, International Trade Law Division, UNCITRAL Secretariat

• "The Rotterdam Rules: A Civil Law Perspective", by Prof. Philippe DELEBECQUE, Professeur agrégé, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Président de le Chambre Arbitrale Maritime de Paris, France

• “The Rotterdam Rules: Scope of Application and Freedom of Contract”, by Prof. Tomotaka FUJITA, Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo Japan, and Vice-Chair of the 41st session of UNCITRAL (2008)

• "Extent of Uniformity of the Law of Carriage of Goods in the Arab World", Mr. El-Sayed Imam EL-KOUSSAFFI, Judge to the Egyptian State Council, ASCML Vice-Chairman

• “Shipowners’ view on the Rotterdam Rules”, by Mr. Knud PONTOPPIDAN, Senior Advisor to A.P. Moller-Maersk and Board Member of the Danish Shipowners’ Association

13:30 to 14:00 2nd Coffee Break

14:00 to 16:30 3rd Session: Responsibilities of the Shipper in the Carriage of Goods by Sea

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Mohamed Farid El-ARANI, Professor Emeritus of Commercial & Maritime Law, Faculty of Law, Alexandria University

• "The Responsibilities of the Shipper: The Egyptian Case", Prof. Dr. Abderrafea MOSSA, Professor and Chair of the Commercial and Maritime Law Dept., Faculty of Law, Zagazig University, Egypt

• "The Rotterdam Rules: An Overview of the Responsibilities of the Shipper”, Mr. Stuart BEARE, Chairman, Issues of Transport Law Comité Maritime International (CMI)

• "The European Council of Shippers & Rotterdam Rules: A Commentary from the Perspective of a Shippers’ Country", Dr. Minas KHATCHADOURIAN, Legal Consultant, and Advisor to Sharm El-Sheikh International Arbitration Centre (SHIAC)
• "The Rotterdam Rules: Impact on the Law and Practice of Freight Forwarding", Prof. Jan RAMBERG, Professor Emeritus of Private Law, Former Dean of the University of Stockholm, Sweden, Honorary Vice-President of CMI and honorary member of FIATA

• "The Law of Carriage of Goods by Sea: The Cargo Insurer Perspective", Dr. Salah EL-MOKADAM, Senior Partner, EL-MOKADAM Law Firm

• "The Rotterdam Rules: A Developing Country Perspective", Prof. Dr. Hani DOWIDAR, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Arab University of Beirut, Lebanon, Professor of Commercial & Maritime Law, Faculty of Law, Alexandria University

17:00 Dinner (Upon Invitation)

2ND DAY: SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009

9:00 to 10:30 4th Session: Responsibilities of the Carrier of Goods by Sea

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Hani DOWIDAR, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Arab University of Beirut, Lebanon, Professor of Commercial & Maritime Law, Faculty of Law, Alexandria University

• “The Rotterdam Rules: An Overview of the Responsibilities of the Carrier and Period of Responsibility”, by Prof. Tomotaka FUJITA, Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo, Japan, and Vice-Chair of the 41st session of UNCITRAL (2008)

• "The Rotterdam Rules: The Responsibilities of the Carrier", Prof. Christian SCAPEL, Maître de conférences à la Faculté de droit et de science politique d’Aix-Marseille, Président de l’Institut Méditerranéen des Transports Maritimes, Marseille, France

• "Delivery of the Goods under the Rotterdam Rules", Dr. Mostafa RAGAB, Senior Lecturer of Commercial & Maritime Law, College of International Transport & Logistics, AAST&MT

• "The Rotterdam Rules and the Gulf Region Transport Law Reforms", Dr. Jean-Michel MORINIERE, Avocat (France) - Legal Consultant, Abu Dhabi, UAE

10:30 to 11:00 1st Coffee Break

11:00 to 12:30 5th Session: Transport Documents and Electronic Transport Records

Moderator: Stuart BEARE, Chairman, Issues of Transport Law Comité Maritime International (CMI)

•"The Rotterdam Rules: The Facilitation of Electronic Transport Records", Kate LANNAN, Legal Officer, Secretary of Working Group on Transport Law, International Trade Law Division, UNCITRAL Secretariat
12:30 to 14:00  6th Session: Containerization and the Law of Carriage of Goods by Sea

Moderator: Prof. Tomotaka FUJITA, Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo, Japan, and Vice-Chair of the 41st session of UNCITRAL (2008)

• "The Rotterdam Rules: Door to Door Carriage", Mr. Stuart BEARE, Chairman, Issues of Transport Law Comité Maritime International (CMI)

• "Rotterdam Rules and the Sea Carriage of Goods by Containers", Prof. Mohamed El-Feky, Chair of the Commercial and Maritime law Dept., Faculty of Law, Alexandria University

• “‘Wet’ Multimodal Transport and the Rotterdam Rules: The Way Forward?”, Dr. Theodora NIKAKI, Lecturer and Member of the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law, School of Law, University of Wales, Swansea, UK

• "Les lois sur le transport multimodal: l'exemple tunisien", Prof. Dr. Lotfi CHEDLY, Agrégé des Facultés de Droit, Responsable du Mastère de Droit des affaires à la faculté des sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales de Tunis

• "The Relationship between the Rotterdam Rules and other International Instruments", Prof. Eric RØSÆG, Chair of Commercial Law, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law

14:00 to 14:30  2nd Coffee Break

14:30 to 16:00  7th Session: Liability for the Carriage of Goods by Sea

Moderator: Dr. Nasri MARCO, Sharm El-Sheikh International Arbitration Centre, President

• "The Basis of Liability of the Carrier of Goods by Sea: A Comparative Perspective”, Prof. Farouk MALASH, Senior Lecturer of Commercial and
Maritime Law (AAST&MT), Technical Advisor to the Arab Federation for Freight Forwarders and Logistics

• "The Rotterdam Rules: The Liability and Limitation of Liability Regime", Mr. Kofi MBIAH, Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Shippers’ Council and Head of Ghana’s Delegation to Working Group III (Transport Law) of UNCITRAL

• "Rotterdam Rules: Limitation of Liability", Dr. Moatassim EL-GHARYANI, Assistant Professor of Commercial & Maritime Law, Faculty of Law, Alexandria University, Coordinator LLM Indiana Alexandria Program

• "The Rotterdam Rules: Jurisdiction", Prof. Manuel ALBA FERNANDEZ, Interim Associate Professor of Commercial Law, Carlos III, University of Madrid, Spain

• "Arbitrating Disputes of the Carriage of Goods by Sea", Dr. Nader IBRAHIM, Chairman of the Arab Society for Commercial and Maritime Law (ASCML) and ACCML'09 Co-ordinator

16:00 to 16:30  Closing Session: Summary and Recommendations

18:00  Dinner (Upon Invitation)

Simultaneous translation will be available English/Arabic and vice versa

Fees: 400 LE for Egyptians, 200 US$ for non-Egyptians (50% Discount available upon request for: ASCML members, students, academics, members to judiciary bodies and special groups). Registration fees are waived for Students coming from outside Alexandria and abroad (Fees do not cover dinner).


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