EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

It is my pleasure to present to you a special issue of the journal *Comparative Maritime Law* devoted to the work of a very successful conference titled the 2nd Adriatic Maritime Law Conference – AMLC, held in Opatija from the 25th until the 27th of May 2017.

Due to its importance for the maritime sector, this conference was included in the official list of events on the occasion of the European Maritime Day 2017. The organization of the AMLC is a result of a fruitful cooperation of the Italian, Slovenian and Croatian maritime law associations. Generally, the aim of the conference is to gather professionals and academics in the field of maritime law to discuss and analyze the current issues of maritime law with particular importance to the economies of the Adriatic countries with a view of progress and harmonization of maritime law on the regional and international level. After the 1st AMLC held in Portorose in May 2016 which focused on the regulation of seaports and legal framework for offshore activities, the main theme of this 2nd AMLC were legal aspects of nautical tourism in the Adriatic. This is also the reason why the co-organizer of this conference was the Adriatic Institute of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts within the research project no. UIP-11-2013 titled *Developing a Modern Legal and Insurance Regime for Croatian Marinas – Enhancing Competitiveness, Safety, Security and Marine Environmental Standards* (*DELICROMAR*), financed by the Croatian Science Foundation.

This conference fulfilled its role of an academic and professional forum gathering participants from all Adriatic states whose professional interests focus on the topics of maritime law, this time particularly on the legal aspects related to nautical tourism and the ports of nautical tourism. It is a relatively new professional branch going through dynamic developments, and therefore it is particularly important that the conference opened a space for the comparative analysis of the legal framework for the nautical tourism in the Adriatic states. It was an opportunity for the exchange of opinions regarding the unification of maritime law, which is one of the main tasks of the national maritime law associations as members of the Comité Maritime International (CMI).

In this issue of the Comparative Maritime Law before you, we present a selection of conference papers that underwent a double blind peer review procedure

by international reviewers and which have been categorized accordingly in compliance with the rules of our journal in line with the international academic standards.

The written papers in this publication deal with the various legal aspects of nautical tourism in the Adriatic, particularly with the legal framework for nautical ports and other providers of services in nautical tourism, pleasure craft and other vessels used in nautical tourism, their crews, etc.

I believe that the topics will be interesting and inspiring for further analysis and academic research related to this complex and demanding legal field particularly important to the Adriatic countries.

I am glad to inform the authors, readers, and all our contributors that in January 2018 we singned the agreement on Comparative Maritime Law indexing in HeinOnline internet legal database.

I am grateful to the authors who prepared the written papers published in this issue of the Comparative Maritime Law, which should be a valuable proof of the 2nd AMLC 2017 and of the academic endeavours of the DELICROMAR project team engaged in its successful implementation. Moreover, I sincerely thank all the reviewers and Mrs. Vlatka Živojnović, the technical editor of the Comparative Maritime Law who most diligently performed the entire correspondence with the authors and the reviewers as well as the technical preparation of this publication. I also thank other employees of the Adriatic Institute for their contributions in preparing this issue of our journal.

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