CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 31st annual Virginia conference will be held in Heidelberg, Germany from May 24-26, 2007. The title of the conference is “Legal Challenges in Maritime Security.” Co-sponsors of the event are the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, the Marine Law and Ocean Policy Centre, University of Ireland, Galway and the Center for Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia School of Law. The principal site of the meeting will be at Max Planck Haus with other events at Heidelberg Castle and at the “Old Hall”, University of Heidelberg.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The topics, speakers and panels were carefully selected to cover the full range of the legal aspects of maritime security. The panelists all of whom are experts in the various fields will discuss approaches to maritime security, cargo, port and supply chain security, international initiatives, piracy, maritime information sharing and capacity building. Distinguished keynote speakers are expected from the European Commission as well as from senior military commands.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Maritime Security is a major challenge for every country in the world. Many of the problems are highly complex especially with respect to legal matters. This conference is comprehensive in scope but will probe deeply into substantive solutions. Diplomats, government officials, military officers, academics and students will benefit from attending.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

If any city in Germany encapsulates the spirit of the country, it is Heidelberg. Scores of poets and composers—virtually the entire 19th-century German Romantic movement—have lived there and sung its praises. Sigmund Romberg set his operetta The Student Prince in the city. Heidelberg is a baroque town built on Gothic foundations, with narrow, twisting streets and alleyways. Heidelberg’s historic fame is out of all proportion to its size (population approx. 145,000) indeed, as more than 2.5 million visitors crowd its streets every year.

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