



INVITATION

Portorož, 11 May 2009

Dear Madams and Sirs,

We are approaching the **the European Maritime Day, 20 May 2009**, which the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia will celebrate with an international round-table on highly important theme entitled **EU Maritime Policy and the Rotterdam Rules**, beginning at **15.30. hrs in the new premises of Marina Portorož Yacht club (Restaurant Marina)**, Cesta solinarjev 8, 6320 Portorož (free parking will be ensured at Marina).

At the round-table, which is one of the official events of the EU on the occasion of European Maritime Day, we will firstly point out the achievements and aims of the integrated EU Maritime Policy with particular regard to Mediterranean and Adriatic regions. In the second part we will concentrate on the new *UN Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partially by Sea (The Rotterdam Rules)*, which will be open for signature from September 2009 on. Beside exchanging the opinions the aim of the round-table is also to professionally assist the Slovenian Government in order to decide whether to sign the Convention or not.

The round-table will be attended by top-level domestic and foreign legal experts, representatives of the Slovenian government, European Commission and Comité Maritime International (CMI) as well as other distinguished guests. The working language will be English. Please find attached the Programme.

We very much look forward to seeing you soon.

Prof. Dr. Marko Pavliha
President

Enclosure

