

Association Internationale du Droit de la Mer

The *Association Internationale du Droit de la Mer* (AIDM) was constituted in 2001 under French law as a learned body to study questions relating to the law of the sea. It uses French primarily, and also English and other languages, especially the language of the country in which it meets. Its objects are to promote cooperation and research concerning the law of the sea in order to bring about the better understanding, harmonious development and balanced application of the law of the sea. To achieve these broad objectives, the Association organises colloquia and conferences on particular themes, as well as the preparation of reports and studies for publication. The first colloquium was held in Naples in March 2001 with the theme "*La Méditerranée et le Droit de la Mer à l'Aube du 21^e Siècle/The Mediterranean and the Law of the Sea at the Dawn of the 21st Century*". The papers have been edited by Professor Cataldi and published under that title by Bruylant (2002). In October 2002, a symposium jointly organized by the AIDM, the Association tunisienne de Science politique and the Société française de droit international took place in Tunis and in October 2003 was held in Cordoba a colloquium of the AIDM on the theme of Europe and the Law of the Sea. Events are being planned for September 2004 (Hamburg) and 2005.

The President of the Association is Daniel Vignes. The Council of the Association is composed of the President and Judge Akl, Judge Anderson, Professor Casado Raigon, Professor Cataldi, Professor Lucchini, Judge Marsit, Professor Orrego Vicuna and Judge Yankov. The Secretary General is Philippe Gautier, to whom enquiries should be addressed at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (gautier@itlos.org).