



ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DU DROIT DE LA MER

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NEWSLETTER
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Dear Colleagues,

This newsletter provides information on the principal activities of our Association since beginning of the year.

1. Activities.

I should like to announce that the 6th *Ordinary Meeting of the AssIDMer* will be hosted by Sannio University in Benevento (Italy) on November 2016 and organized by Prof. Roberto Virzo. The topic of the Meeting is “*International Tribunals and Interpretation of the UNCLOS*”.

I wish to point out that our Association sponsors the “*OPEN SEA Summer School*”, 6-13 June 2016, Castellammare di Stabia (Italy), organized by the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Migrants’ Rights in the Mediterranean (see www.jmcmigrants.eu/summer-school-2016).

Please note that information on the activities of the Association is available on its website (<http://www.assidmer.net>), **Twitter** (<https://twitter.com/AssIDMer>) and **Facebook** (<https://facebook.com/AssIDMer>). The Association also has a **LinkedIn account** (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/assidmer>).

2. Daniel Vignes Prize.

I am happy to announce that the Council of the Association, following its decision to establish the “Daniel Vignes Prize” as a tribute to the late Daniel Vignes, the Founder and Honorary President of AssIDMer, published a Call for candidatures (deadline: 15 April 2016) on 10 January 2016. This Call and the Regulations for the award are published on our website.

The prize is intended to reward, under the conditions determined by the Regulations, authors of the best articles on an issue relevant to the International Law of the Sea.

The prize will be awarded for the first time during the VI Ordinary Meeting of the Association in Benevento. The amount of this initial award will be 700 euro.

3. Membership Fees.

I remind you that it is now even more important to contribute financially to the Association to ensure continued improvement of the organization's activities. The amount of the fee is unchanged and remains at 40 euro as in previous years.

In order to ensure the correct operation of the AssIDMer, I ask you to fulfill your membership obligations and pay your annual fees.

To pay your fees and make your donation, a transfer may be made to the below bank account:

Account holder: **Rafael Casado Raigon and Gemma Andreone**
IBAN:IT82D0101003401100000007139
SWIFT: IBSPITNA
Banco di Napoli, via A. Depretis 104, Napoli - Italia

Do not forget to include your name on the deposit slip.

Do not hesitate to contact the Treasurer, Gemma Andreone, for an update on your account with the AssIDMer or for any other question concerning your fees, by contacting her at the following address: g.andreone@assidmer.net.

Upon paying the annual fee members may buy:

- At the reduced price of 70 euro, the two volumes "*La contribution de la Convention des Nations Unis sur le droit de la mer à la bonne gouvernance des mers et des océans / La contribución de la Convención de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Derecho del Mar, a la buena gobernanza de los mares y océanos / The contribution of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to good governance of seas and oceans*" (Sous la direction de / Director / Edited by J. M. Sobrino Heredia), Editoriale Scientifica, Napoli, 2014;
- At the special price of 20 euro, the volume "*Droit de la mer et émergences environnementales / Law of the Sea and Environmental Emergencies*" (Sous la direction de G. Andreone, A. Caligiuri, G. Cataldi), Editoriale Scientifica, 2012;
- At the price of 10 euro (postal charges for the printed copy), the volume "*Insecurity at sea: Piracy and other risks to navigation*" (Edited by G. Andreone, G. Bevilacqua, G. Cataldi, C. Cinelli), Giannini Editore, Napoli, 2013.

Best regards.

Naples, 6 February 2016

President of the AssIDMer
Prof. Giuseppe Cataldi





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DANIEL VIGNES PRIZE
1ST EDITION

The International Association for the Law of the Sea (AssIDMer) confers, every two years, during its Ordinary Meeting, a prize for the best article published in a journal or a collective work, to disseminate knowledge of the international law of the sea. Articles can be written in English, Spanish, French, and Italian.

With the sole exception of members and former members of the Board of the Association, the competition is open to everyone under the age of 40 by the deadline for sending the article.

Applications must be submitted by mail to the Secretary General of the International Association of Law of the Sea, Prof. Nathalie Ros (n.ros@assidmer.net), before 15 April 2016 (deadline for applications). The Secretary-General will inform the applicants of the admissibility of their candidature and communicate the e-mail addresses of the members of the jury awarding the prize to send their articles.

The amount of the prize is 700 Euros. The winners will automatically become members of the Association. The fee is part of the amount of the prize.

The prize will be officially awarded during the VI Ordinary Meeting of the Association in 2016.

Naples, 10 January 2016

President of the AssIDMer
Prof. Giuseppe Cataldi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Giuseppe Cataldi".



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**DANIEL VIGNES PRIZE
PRIZE AWARD REGULATION**

Article 1

A prize designed to reward under the conditions laid down in this Regulation the authors of the best articles devoted to a specific topic of international law of the sea is hereby founded under the auspices of the International Association of the Law of the Sea, which shall award them.

Article 2

The prizes thus founded shall bear the following name “Daniel Vignes Prize”, as a tribute to Daniel Vignes (1924-2011), Founding and Honorary President of the International Association of the Law of the Sea.

Article 3

The amount of the prize shall be determined by the Executive Council of the International Association of the Law of the Sea every two years on the basis of the income of the Special Daniel Vignes Prize Fund.

Article 4

The prize shall be awarded every two years during the Ordinary Meeting of the International Association of the Law of the Sea.

Article 5

Articles must reach the Secretary-General of the International Association of the Law of the Sea. Requirements for nominations may be found on the dedicated page in the Internet site of the Association.

Article 6

The competition is open to any person up to 40 years of age on the date of publication of his/her article, save to Members and former Members of the Council of the Association.

Article 7

Competitors may write their article in any of the following languages: English, Spanish, French, Italian.

Article 8

Articles shall be sent anonymously in three copies. Each dissertation must have two epigraphs, and the same epigraphs shall be written on a closed envelope containing the name, first name, date and place of birth, nationality and address of the author.

Article 9

Articles submitted to the jury must have been previously published.

Article 10

The Executive Council of the Association of the International Law of the Sea shall take such measures as are necessary for setting up the jury. It shall determine the time within which the jury must make its decisions.

Article 11

The jury may divide the prize between two articles which it deems to be of equal value.
The jury shall be free not to award a prize.

Article 12

The jury shall only open the envelopes relating to successful dissertations.

Article 13

The proclamation of the prize winners shall take place at the Ordinary Meeting of the Association of the International Law of the Sea.

Article 14

The results of the competition shall be published in the Internet site of the Association.
The Secretary-General of the Association shall take all other publicity measures which he considers appropriate.

Article 15

The prize winners will automatically become members of the International Association of the Law of the Sea. Fees are part of the prize.

Article 16

If a prize has not been awarded, the Executive Council of the Association shall reserve the right to decide upon the use to be made of the amount not awarded.

Article 17

The list of winners of the Daniel Vignes Prize shall be published in the Internet site of the Association.

Article 18 – Transitional and final provisions

The prize shall be awarded for the first time during the VI Ordinary Conference of the Association of the International Law of the Sea.

The amount of the prize for the first year shall be 700 euro.

For the first edition of the prize, articles must reach the Secretary-General of the Association of the International Law of the Sea not later than 31 December 2015.

Art. 19 – Procedures to Amend the Regulation

The Executive Council of the Association may propose amendments to this Regulation to the Ordinary General Assembly.

Proposed amendments shall be included in the agenda items of the next General Assembly.

Proposed amendments shall be adopted by the Assembly by a majority of two-thirds members present or represented.