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The Biennial 2008 Maritime Conference of the Franco-British Lawyers' Society - 20th June 2008

Held in the Casper John Hall at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth

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Principal theme: 'Lawfare' - Offensive juridique

Dinner: guest of Honour The Rt Hon Lord Phillips of Worth Maltravers

Venue: Casper John Hall, Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, Devon, TQ6 0HJ

Dates: 19 June visit of college followed by reception
20 June conference followed by dinner

Conference & dinner*:

£100 or 125 euros for members of the Franco-British Lawyers Society

£160 or 200 euros for non-members

[*deduct £50 or 60 euros if not attending dinner]

**A dinner (black tie) will take place at the College and the guest of honour is
The Right Honourable Lord Phillips of Worth Maltravers.**

Please note: for attendees at the Conference dinner spaces will be limited on a first come first served basis.

CPD: The event is accredited for CPD points with the Solicitors Regulation Authority and ILEX for 5 hours.

CONFERENCE Programme/ ITINERARY – 20 JUN 2008

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AM SESSION

09.30 Introduction/welcome from Commodore M B Alabaster RN (Commodore Britannia Royal Naval College) (or representative).

09.35 Welcome from Commodore N L Brown RN (Director Naval Legal Services).

Working theme for a.m. session – *'Maritime Security 2008 – The latest developments in national and international law and operational practice...'*

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09.40 BRNC Moderator (Mr Mark Grove - tbc) – opens the morning session - Maritime Security strategic scene setting

10.00 Commodore B N B Williams RN (tbc) – Hotspots of Global Illegal Activity at sea

10.30 Standeasy.

10.50 RN Operational Lawyer – The Royal Navy and Maritime Security (MSy) – law and practice in 2008 and beyond.
(To include remarks on capacity building, multinational efforts to agree rapid Flag State consent, enforcement issues, current legal developments in MSy: 'enablers or constraints?' etc)

11.10 FN Legal Speaker (tbc) - The French Navy and Maritime Security – law and practice in 2008 and beyond.
(To include remarks on FN Activity over the last 2 years (e.g. tasking to support UN food convoys in Somalia)).

11.30 (tbc) Dr Jon Robb-Webb – King's College London and Corbett Centre for Naval Studies (Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham).

The Exclusive Economic Zone – specific Maritime Security issues

11.50 Prof. Andrew Lambert - Laughton Professor of Naval History in the Department of War Studies at King's College, London and Corbett Centre for Naval Studies (Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham).

Historical resume of RN and FN experiences in maritime security, reflections on the historical trends to current operations.

12.10 Q&A Panel Session chaired by BRNC Moderator.

12.30 Lunch in the Wardroom

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PM SESSION

Working theme for p.m. session – *'The environment – threat and opportunity for naval forces ...'*

14.00 BRNC Moderator(s) (Dr Duncan Priestly, Dr Paul Rampling) – The Maritime Environment; technical and scientific scene setting.

14.20 RN Operational Lawyer – Maritime Environmental Law Scene Setting and current and future limitations on maritime operations – including future roles for RN in securing the environment

14.40 FN perspectives – Threats Represented to Naval Operations by protection of the Maritime Environment (pollution, heritage, law of sea conventions).

15.00 (tbc) Prof Catherine Redgwell (professor of International Law, University College London).

Reflections on the environment and its impact on naval freedom of manoeuvre, set against the Navy's role as Policeman and Protector of environmental heritage.

15.20 Q&A Panel Session chaired by BRNC moderator.

15.40 Concluding remarks and votes of thanks - Commodore Brown.

Final Conference Closure – M. Dominique Hascher - President of Franco-British Lawyers Society.

Details of the Programme may be subject to change

18.45 Dinner: Wardroom