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Francesco Berlingieri President Ad Honorem

I have just been informed by Giorgio Berlingieri that his father Francesco passed away earlier this evening.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the CMI Genoa meeting last September will be grateful to have had the opportunity to see him for a final time and to have honoured him while he was still with us.

I am **attaching** a copy of the remarks I made at the beginning of the seminar at which he was presented with a silver salver, which bore the following inscription:

*"Francesco Berlingieri
Member of the Executive Council from 1972,
President from 1976 to 1991,
President Ad Honorem from 1991
In recognition and gratitude for his service and devotion to the CMI."*

I think anyone who attended CMI meetings over which he presided will agree with me that it is highly unlikely that we will ever see his like again. He dominated all meetings he attended by the sheer strength of his intellect, linguistic abilities and personality.

The contribution of Francesco Berlingieri to the uniformity of Maritime Law through his leadership of the CMI, his teaching, his legal practice and his writing will remain unsurpassed and almost certainly unequalled.

We all owe him a huge debt of gratitude, as does the shipping community, and he will be long remembered by the CMI family.

I have forwarded condolences to Giorgio and his family on behalf of all of us.

With kind regards

Stuart Hetherington