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Re : Scholarship 2009 – Progress report

Dear Marco,

First of all, I would like to thank you for inviting me to attend this year's Scholarship.

The Scholarship's program was absolutely well thought-out. It was great to learn more about shipping and marine insurance law. Furthermore, it was good to learn more about the German legal system and the German approach on specific transport-related issues and international treaties.

All different legal topics were perfectly covered by the lectures, whereas every lecture was followed by a great trip, a valuable visit to one of DaPa's clients or a lovely dinner in the city of Hamburg. This variety in topics and activities made the Scholarship perfectly balanced and very enjoyable!

Although the entire programme was absolutely fantastic, I will mention a few highlights: the visit to the HHLA Terminal, our trips to Munich and Bremen, the surprising court hearing at the Hamburg Court (unfortunately, we will never know the outcome of the case!) and of course our visit to Blohm+Voss.

It was very nice to meet you and your colleagues. I would like to thank all of them for preparing the lectures, joining us on our various trips and – last but not least – showing us some very good bars and restaurants in Hamburg. The places where we went for dinner and drinks with you and your colleagues were definitely great. No doubt DaPa succeeded in showing us the trendiest places in town!

Furthermore, I would like to thank DaPa for providing the opportunity to meet the other scholars. It has been great to get to know other young shipping & transport lawyers from all over the world. Also in this respect, the Scholarship has been a very valuable experience.

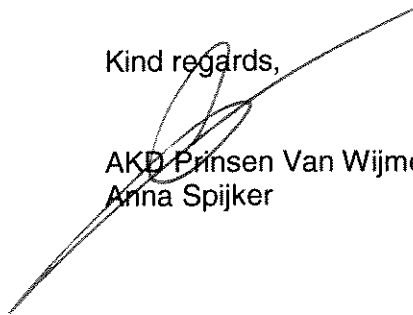
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I should definitely not forget to mention the city of Hamburg. I never went to Hamburg before and I was quite curious about it. I really wanted to learn more about the city. The Scholarship gave me the perfect chance to come to know Hamburg from the inside, which was a great experience. The river Elbe with its beautiful quays, the elegant Alster lakes, Sankt Pauli with all the bars, trendy Hafencity and of course the big commercial harbour which is located so near to the city centre: I will definitely recommend other people to make a city trip to Hamburg. And I will certainly come back to Hamburg in the near future.

I will end my letter by thanking everyone at DaPa for their warm hospitality during the Scholarship. I will never forget this very special experience.

Kind regards,



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