

## PREFACE

I have a great pleasure of submitting the XXXIV issue of the Maritime Law, which is aimed at promoting research findings of the Polish doctrine of maritime law and law of the sea. The Maritime Law is addressed to Polish authors as well as foreign scholars. Thus, it mainly covers various fields of international maritime law, both public and private. This volume of the Maritime Law is of a special nature. It is a proof of recognition directed by the group of maritime lawyers gathered in the Maritime Law Commission for the scientific achievements of Professor Janusz Gilas.

Therefore, it is worth mentioning that at the headquarters of the Polish Academy of Sciences Branch in Gdańsk, on 24 November 2017, the autumn scientific plenary session of the Maritime Law Commission was held – on the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary and in recognition of the authority and outstanding scientific achievements of Professor Janusz Gilas – founder and first chairman of Maritime Law Commission of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

The profile of Professor Janusz Gilas was presented by Professor Maria Dragun-Gertner. The papers were provided by: Professor Janusz Symonides “The Law of the Sea Against the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”, Professor Cezary Mik “Economic Argumentation in International Maritime Disputes”, Professor Zdzisław Brodecki “The Outer Space and the Sea” and Dorota Pyć “International Maritime Shipping Standards – Compliance and Enforcement”. The ceremonial session of the Maritime Law Commission resulted in an interesting scientific discussion. It was attended by academics and lawyers specializing in the law of the sea and maritime law, who in recognition of the merits of Professor Janusz Glias decided to dedicate the volume XXXIV of the Maritime Law to him. Being able to draw inspiration from the scientific achievements of the Professor, as members of the Maritime Law Commission, we kindly thank Professor Janusz Gilas for his significant contribution to the development of maritime law and the law of the sea as well as international economic law.

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