

## 8. OTHER MATTERS

### A. MR P. H. ATKINS

On 27 December 1982 Peter Atkins, a member of the Association and the West Australian Branch, was appointed the Criminal Injuries Assessor under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1982 (W.A.). Mr Atkins' appointment is for a term of five years.

The Association congratulates Mr Atkins on his appointment.

### B. INSTITUTE OF MARITIME LAW

During the Autumn of 1982 the Institute of Maritime Law was established in the Faculty of Law at Southampton University. The efforts of that University in the areas of maritime legal research and teaching are well known.

Members of the Institute include Professors D. C. Jackson and J. F. Wilson and Mr N. J. Gaskell, all of whom recently visited Australia. The activities of the Institute currently include

- collaboration by members in the preparation of a compilation of the shipping laws of major maritime nations together with commentaries;
- preparation of a number of other publications on the enforcement of maritime claims, carriage of goods by sea, maritime and off-shore employment law, the law of towage and ship sales;
- responsibility for the conduct of the undergraduate and postgraduate courses and research programmes in maritime, commercial and international law in the Faculty of Law, as well as the maritime law elements in the Bachelor of Science (Nautical Studies) offered by the University in conjunction with the College of Nautical Studies;
- the conduct of an annual short course in maritime law which provides an intensive introduction to shipping law and attracts both lawyers and non-lawyers;
- the collecting of primary and secondary sources relating to maritime and commercial law from over 70 jurisdictions;
- the establishment of academic and exchange links with overseas institutions with similar interests;
- the development of two on-line maritime legal databases — one being a full-text database of materials

relating to the Hague-Visby Rules in the carriage of goods by sea and the second relating to secondary source materials;

- the provision of services to commercial, governmental and international organisations.

Further details about the work of the Institute may be obtained from Professor D. C. Jackson, Institute of Maritime Law, Faculty of Law, The University, Southampton, England, SO9 5NH.

### C. OBITUARY — MR PER IANSSEN

Members of the Association will be saddened to learn of the death, earlier this year, of Per Ianssen of Overseas Containers Australia Pty Limited. Mr Ianssen was a valued supporter of the Association for many years.