

PREFACE

The Maritime Law Commission of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Gdańsk Branch) launched its research activities in 1981. In 2016 the celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Commission took place.

The first volume of *Maritime Law* was published in 1986 thanks to the commitment and cooperation of researchers working for the Commission. So far, thirty-one volumes of *Maritime Law*, containing research papers, mainly in the Polish language, have been published. The thirty-second volume of *Maritime Law* has been prepared in English, since it is addressed also to non-Polish-speaking readers.

From the very beginning, researches affiliated with the Commission, doing research in the field concerned, have been aware of the complexity of maritime law. The diversity of the issues raised results from that approach. The views presented expose the problems embedded in the law of the sea, transnational maritime law and domestic maritime law in terms of civil law, administrative law, labour law, criminal law, as well as environmental law.

Maritime Law is the only legal journal in Poland devoted to maritime affairs. It contains systematically presented results of research in the field as vital to the maritime economy of the state and its security as maritime law.

I wish to express my gratitude and thanks to all members of the Commission involved in research work and the development of maritime law.

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