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Richard Shaw

It is with great sadness that I have to let you know that Richard Shaw passed away at his home in Hampshire yesterday. Richard was diagnosed with a brain tumour only a few months ago. In fact as recently as February he was contemplating participating in our recent Dublin Symposium and offering to chair the session on Offshore Activities, and give a paper if necessary.

The CMI has lost one of its great foot soldiers. He was inducted as Honoris Causa only last year at the Beijing Conference. The amount of work he did for the CMI over many years was prodigious. He represented the CMI at meetings of the IOPC Funds as an observer; he shared the same duties with Patrick Griggs at the IMO Legal Committee. He wrote reports of those activities for the CMI News Letter. He chaired the IWG on Offshore Activities and, even as recently as the Beijing Conference where he was as active as ever, he insisted on taking on the role of joint Rapporteur to the York-Antwerp Rules IWG. He wrote articles on CMI Conferences and meetings for legal journals and on specific current topics until very recently. He was the Rapporteur on the Places of Refuge IWG which I chaired and his assistance and wise counsel were at all times invaluable.

Richard Shaw will be long remembered by all his friends at the CMI; those memories and his commitment to the CMI will be an inspiration and example to all of us for years to come.

Our thoughts are with Richard's wife Avril, who accompanied him to many CMI meetings, and their family.

With kind regards

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