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**French insurers announce the “Rendez-Vous de l'Assurance Transports”, to be held at Palais Stéphanie, in Cannes, on Thu-Fri April 28-29, 2011, on the theme: "The Transport sector in the Economic Recovery".**

After the successful 2009 and 2010 events, this third **Rendez-Vous de l'Assurance Transports** will again bring together all major transport players: shippers, shipowners, carriers, logisticians, insurers, reinsurers, brokers, specialized agents, experts, etc. as well as lawyers and other transport insurance specialists.

This international event will provide unique opportunities to meet around themes of public interest; to gather with key contacts at every level of the business; to learn of latest trends and developments; to get answers on the current situation in the sector. It also offers the occasion of multiple meetings, informal exchanges, and an ideal opportunity for networking.

Following the tradition set by the previous events, **Le Rendez-Vous de l'Assurance Transports 2011** places a major emphasis on transport's economic environment, as well as on its technical and legal aspects.

For a better understanding of such matters, we shall focus on **China**. Introducing the economic context will be the leading French journalist – and appointee editor-in-chief of the prestigious daily *Le Monde* – Eric Izraelewicz, former editor-in-chief of *Les Echos* and *La Tribune*, and author of "*When China changes the world*". Following this overview, we shall look at logistics and transport in China. Finally, for the first time in France, we shall hold a panel discussion on the specificities of maritime law in China and its conditions of application. Among our guests will be a Chinese magistrate as well as four maritime lawyers from Wuhan, Hong-Kong and Shanghai, who have exceptionally agreed to come to Cannes to share their experience.

Economic data for China will be put in perspective by Professor Philippe Chalmin (University of Paris-Dauphine), renowned economist and chairman of the *French Observatory on the formation of prices and margins for food products*. Prof. Chalmin will notably address **markets instability**, more specifically on commodities.

**We shall also focus on Piracy**. Due to the prominence of piracy in the maritime landscape, specialists of various disciplines (security, armed interventions, economy, geopolitics, law and insurance) will provide the latest information, solutions and available strategies. Finally, the new version of **Incoterms** will be the object of a panel discussion.

Our programme will be concluded by a Q&A with Erik Orsenna, nowadays a member of the *Académie Française* and celebrated author of a number of books including *A Journey to the Lands of Cotton (A Brief Manual of Globalisation)* and *The Future of Water*.

