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**International CMR
Colloquium 2026**
**Celebrating 70 Years of CMR:
Challenges and Innovations**

Program

Thursday 8th October 2026

Venue:	University of Bucharest, Bulevardul Mihail Kogalniceanu 36 - 46, Sector 5, 050107, Bucharest, Romania
Registration	09.30-10.30
Opening (10.30-11.00)	<i>Opening of the Colloquium and welcome address</i> Prof. Răzvan Dincă, Dean Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest Mr. Radu Dinescu, President IRU Prof. Frank Smeele, Chair of the CMR-AC
First session (11.00-12.30)	Chair: Prof. Cecile Legros, Vice-chair of the CMR-AC
11.00-11.20	Dr. Olaf Hartenstein, <i>The relation between CMR and the Brussels Ibis Regulation</i>
11.20-11.40	Prof. Dr. Beate Czerwenka, <i>The NCD Convention and the CMR</i>
11.40-12.00	Mrs. Lene Ishøj, <i>Liability of the CMR-carrier for loss/damage outside CMR's scope of application</i>
12.00-12.30	Questions from and discussion with the audience
Lunch break	12.30-13.30 graciously sponsored by the National Union of Road Hauliers (UNTRR) in Romania (UNTRR)

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Second session

(13.30-15.00)

Chair: Prof. Nikoleta Radionov Karlović

13.30-13.50

Prof. Daniel Dąbrowski, *Are excise duties recoverable under Article 23 (4) CMR?*

13.50-14.10

Otmar J. Tuma, *Fake carriers*, part I

14.10-14.30

Dr. Papis Seck, *Fake carriers*, part II

14.30-15.00

Questions from and discussion with the audience

Tea break

15.00-15.30

Third session

(15.30-18.10)

Chair: Prof. Tobias Eckardt

15.30-15.50

Dr. Alice Kubová Bártková, *Review of recent CMR-related case law in the Czech Republic*

15.50-16.10

Dr. Diana Marinova, *Liability for non-performance under CMR. Problems and challenges to application of the Convention in the Republic of Bulgaria*

16.10-16.30

Dr. Andreea-Teodora Stănescu and Dr. Șerban–Alexandru Stănescu, *Overview of CMR-related case law in Romania, Part I and II*

16.30-16.50

Prof. Nikoleta Radionov Karlović, *New Montenegrin legal framework on the contract of carriage of goods by road in the digitalized context*

16.50-17.10

Ms. Elena Bajurea-Ostrofeț, *Overview of CMR-related case law in the Republic of Moldova*

17.10-18.10

1st Round Table with *Romanian carriers and forwarders*

Moderators: Dr. Andreea-Teodora Stănescu and Dr. Șerban–Alexandru Stănescu

Evening Program

(19.10-21.00)

Gala cocktail party and dinner

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Friday 9th October 2026

Venue: University of Bucharest, Bulevardul Mihail Kogalniceanu 36 - 46, Sector 5, 050107, Bucharest, Romania

Fourth session (09.00-10.30) Chair: Prof. Johan Schelin

09.00-09.20 Prof. Frank Smeele, *Introducing the CMR AC's Opinion 1 on art. 2.1 CMR*

09.20-09.40 Prof. Federico Franchina, *Trends in breaking the CMR limits in CMR Contracting states*

09.40-10.00 Prof. Achim Puetz, *Forum Shopping under the CMR*

10.00-10.30 Questions from and discussion with the audience

Coffee break 10.30-11.00

Fifth session (11.00-12.30) Chair: Prof. Achim Puetz

11.00-11.20 Prof. Johan Schelin, *Time bar issues under the CMR*

11.20-11.40 Prof. Gheorghe Piperea, *EU regulations in the area of road transport*

11.40-12.00 Dr. Iolande Viricel, *Automated Road Freight Transport and the CMR Convention: Cross-Border Circulation and the Reconfiguration of Liability*

12.00-12.30 Questions from and discussion with the audience

Lunch break 12.30-13.30

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Sixth session	(13.30-15.30) Chair: Prof. Daniel Dąbrowski
13.30-13.50	Dr. Guido Belger, <i>The eCMR and related aspects</i>
13.50-14.10	Dr. David Saive, <i>The eFTI and related aspects</i>
14.10-14.30	Dr. Marta Kolacz, <i>The role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in CMR adjudication</i>
14.30-15.00	Questions from and discussion with the audience
15.10-16.10	2 nd Round Table with <i>Romanian carriers and forwarders</i> Moderators: Dr. Andreea-Teodora Stănescu and Dr. Șerban–Alexandru Stănescu.
Closure	
16.10-16.20	Prof. Frank Smeele, Concluding remarks and closure of the Colloquium