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President of the Royal Belgian Marine Society

The 6th Sound Toll Registers Online Conference took place in Antwerp on October 22nd and 23rd, 2015.

These conferences constitute very important milestones on the way to a better knowledge of maritime trade in Northern Europe between 1497 and 1857. But behind this typical maritime aspect, this research makes it also possible to obtain a better understanding of the way our ancestors lived, as well as their relations with other parts of the world.

The Royal Belgian Marine Society was very pleased to house this important international scientific conference in close and fruitful collaboration with Prof. Dr. Jan Willem Veluwenkamp of the University of Groningen, Tresoor (Leeuwarden), the *Samenwerkende Maritieme Fondsen* and the MAS/Museum aan de Stroom (Antwerp), which hosted the event in its wonderful building located along the river Scheldt.

I would also like to express special thanks to Michael-W. Serruys – Member of the Society – who was truly the kingpin, not only of the colloquium, but also of this publication.

With my fellow-members of the Society, I hope that this rich publication will be a substantial contribution to this important research conducted during the consecutive conferences. I am also convinced that the following conferences will make it possible to highlight many others enthralling discoveries.

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