

From the Director

Since the first newsletter which appeared in April, I have started to visit some of the actual ISRA members. I have visited Scheepssloperij Nederland BV in Ridderkerk and all Turkish members in Aliaga, near Izmir, Turkey. In the near future I will meet James MacFarlane in Amsterdam and on July 2nd and 3^d I hope I will meet all the members in China, Shanghai, during the 2009 Asia Ship Recycling Summit. What I would like to learn from you all, in a short time frame, is your opinion on ISRA, its objectives and goals.

Visit to Scheepssloperij Nederland BV

I had a very interactive meeting with Henk Poot, his son, Henk van der Linden and Gerben Snoek. We not only discussed ISRA but also the salvage of the last 3500 tons of the MV Napoli at the bottom of the sea and their expansion plans of ship breaking facilities. They also subscribed the actual goals of the ISRA functioning as a platform for all green ship recycling yards towards all parties, whether it is the government, media or potential customers. Critical notes were made in respect of local Governments; it appears they interpret the international rules freely. In Holland for example inspections can be more severe than in Belgium. And so business can be lost to neighbour countries by the way local rules and inspections are being implemented by the authorities. So far for level playing field, an objective for ISRA.

Visit to Aliaga, Izmir, Turkey

It was good to see that almost all plots were full and even ships were waiting outside on the anchorage. Together with Bernard Veldhoven, I met the whole board of the Shipbreakers' Association of Turkey. They gave an excellent presentation on the way Turkey processes Safe and Clean Ship recycling. We discussed ISRA's present role and its possible future goals, including the ISO 30.000 certification process. We also agreed with the ISRA members on the outstanding contributions, which will be progressed as we speak.

Preparations have been made for our annual general meeting. Please mark already in your agenda the place and time. The meeting will be held in the Swiss Hotel in Izmir on Monday 14th December 2009. We expect everyone to arrive Sunday afternoon and Tuesday morning there will be an excursion to our members' yards in Alyaga.

New members

I am proud to present two new members:

Our new A member is Jiangmen Yinhu Shipbreaking Co, Ltd on the former site of Hongguan Shipbreaking yard, Shadui Town, Xinhui District, Jiangmen City, www.jmyh.net.cn Welcome Zi An Lin!

New Associated member is Maritime deliver Inc. part of Airmington Holdings Inc. a 100% ship-recycling broker, 15/F Fortune House, 61 Connaught Road central, Hong Kong. Welcome Thomson Kan!

Sad headlines

Unfortunately fatal accidents continue to haunt Alang ship-breaking yard [June 14, Indian Express]

In May 2009, plot 24D and on June 1st 2009, plot 15, in both cases, workers died when the crane's rope carrying big steel plates cut from discarded ships broke and fell on them.

PR action of the month

Adem Simsek very proudly presents the ISRA logo on his business card.

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