

From the Director

After our annual General Meeting in Izmir, last December, we all went back to our homes, to celebrated the various new years, to close 2009 and start with full enthusiasm the busy year of 2010. The next goal for ISRA is to promote and ensure progress in 2010. Looking at all the developments and the number of conferences on the topic, Green Ship-recycling is still "hot". The full I.S.R.A members are the clear alternative to tidal beaching. I.S.R.A and its members will keep on advocating an environmentally sound and save ship recycling.

PR

During the last General Meeting, the agreed PR working Group have circulated their first ideas and will start working on a plan of approach for 2010. I will keep you informed.

In the first 3 months of 2010 members joined various conferences as a speaker, promoting I.S.R.A and its goals:

- Shipping Finance Asia 2010, February 2010 Singapore, I.S.R.A was represented by the Director and by Maersk Ship Management.
- TradeWinds Ship Recycling Forum, February 2010 Dubai, I.S.R.A among the speakers were four I.S.R.A members.
- Participants (400!) of the Nedlloyd Pension fund, March 2010 Utrecht, by the Director and Tom peter Blankestijn.

To follow:

- ShippingTech Summit 2010, April 2010, Shanghai, I.S.R.A is represented by the Director.
- The 5th annual Ship Recycling conference, June 2010 London, not less than five speakers are I.S.R.A members.

If you are interested in the papers, please approach one of the speakers.

Green Award Foundation

Every ocean going vessel should comply with (inter)national laws and regulations which are known and accepted in the Marine industry worldwide. The Green Award Flag can be awarded to vessels which are extra safe and extra clean. The moment a ship has a Green Award it will get discounts on the various port dues, like 6% in Rotterdam, but 21% in Vancouver. On a ship basis enough points must be earned to get an Award. The "greener" the shipowner is approaching Shiprecycling and Green Passport / Inventory of Hazardous Materials the more points he gets. At the moment I.S.R.A but also GL and LR are having a discussion with the Green Award Foundation to ensure the right criteria is included in their audit scheme. Most likely ISO 30.000 as a standard will also be included!

"Safety situation in shipbreaking yards critical"

"The health and safety situation in many shipbreaking yards in India still remains "critical" and there is a need to improve training facilities and working conditions for labourers" mr Okechukwu Ibeanu, UN special rapporteur, said after his 10 day visit to India. "The health and safety situations prevailing in most shipbreaking yards I visited remain critical as witnessed by 12 fatal accidents that occurred in Alang during the course of last year." he said. He was also shocked to see the conditions in which most workers live in Alang and Mumbai. The Indian Government's readiness to push through legislation to tackle the problem was seen as positive. (source Press Trust of India / New Delhi January 21, 2010)

Forward planning 2010

Also agreed in Izmir is a USA / Mexico trip to potential members, an ISRA India approach and a Hong Kong China visit in December. All be will be progressed and you will be informed accordingly.

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