

From the Director

Looking at all the developments and the number of conferences on the topic, Green Ship-recycling is not only "hot", but shipowners are also far more vocal on the necessity of environmentally sound and safe ship recycling. During these conferences they share their experiences and admit that the full I.S.R.A members are giving shipowners the insurance that their ship has been demolished in an environmentally sound and safe way in line with the Hong Kong convention. Living example is the European ferry operator DFDS.

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On the 5th annual Ship Recycling conference, June 2010 London, not less than five speakers were I.S.R.A members. The conference was very well visited, additional chairs had to be brought in! The Ship Breaking Summit in Shanghai early July was also a very interesting event with lot of good discussions and network opportunities.

To follow:

- Tradewinds China Ship Recycling Forum 2010, 29th September 2010 Beijing
- Ship Recycling meeting taking place on 20th – 21st October 2010 in London
- Shiptec China 2010; the 7th International Shipbuilding, Ports and Marine Technology Exhibition for China, Dalian, 26-28 October, 2010.

Shipowners: DFDS / United Arad Shipping Company

During the Ship recycling conference in London, Gert Jakobse, director DFDS was very outspoken about the added value of ISRA members. DFDS recognized the high risks of negative publicity in the media of Denmark and wanted to be absolutely sure that the mv "TOR ANGLIA" was recycled in an environmentally sound and safe way. After studying the market they were convinced that only an ISRA member could guarantee this and subsequently they made the choice for our member **Jiangmen Yinhu Shipbreaking**. In public, mr Jakobse showed his appreciation for job well done by the yard. DFDS is now considering to become an associated member.

In the meantime UASC did join ISRA!

The shipping company formed jointly in 1976 between Kingdom of Bahrain, Republic of Iraq, State of Kuwait, State of Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates, with their Headquarter in Kuwait has a very environmentally conscious Fleet Management Department with environment protection in their mission statement and fully supporting I.S.R.A objectives.

Green ship breaking yards, world wide capacity.

BIO Intelligence Services made a study with the objective to assist the European Commission (DG Environment) in assessing the feasibility of establishing criteria for identifying Green and Safe ship dismantling facilities. Besides following the HKG criteria additional criteria have been developed. Following these criteria the report identified worldwide 24 different green and safe ship dismantling facilities, 13 within the European union and 11 in third countries (based in China and Turkey) capable in handling 25 – 36% of scrapping demand. Among the 24 yards listed, there are 9 ISRA members. Noted that the Americas were not included in the report. Based on various sources I estimate that worldwide there are in total about 350 yards capable of handling about 2000 ships per year of which 75 – 80% in Indian sub-continent.

Certification, ISO 30.000

Yards in India are very active in obtaining the ISO 30.000 stamp, it is even reported that they try to obtain ISO 30.000 certification from a serious IACS member! Could it be true that the first IACS member issued ISO 30.000 certificate will go to a non ISRA member?

Forward planning 2010

Please mark in your agenda our Annual General Meeting, 13th December 2010 in Hong Kong, followed by a field trip to our members in South China, Jiangmen Yinhu Shipbreaking and Zongxin Shipbreaking. Detailed information will follow later.

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