

From the Director

Back from our General Meeting in Hong Kong we have been focusing on promoting green ship recycling to ship owners and at conferences. At the same time we try to improve our PR by modernizing the new logo and website as was decided at GM HK 2010. We intend to launch the new site before the summer.

Hong Kong Ship Owners Association

During a meeting in December last with Arthur Bowring, MD of the Hong Kong Ship-owners Association, it became clear that Corporate Social Responsibility among the Hong Kong Ship-owners is increasing. With a relative young fleet however, scrapping is not high on the agenda but items like emissions are. If you have any information about the policies of the Hong Kong ship-owners in relation to the way they manage scrapping please inform us , as we would like to know.

Korean Maritime Institute (KMI)

ISRA had the opportunity to speak on the Annual Meeting of the KMI in Seoul. In front of more than hundred representatives of the Korean Maritime Industry we stressed the importance of environmentally sound and safe ship recycling practices. The executive of the Korean Bulk-ship owner STX PanOcean was very clear on the priorities of 2011; scrapping, scrapping and scrapping! Unfortunately the focus is still on Indian Sub Continent. But we are working very hard to change this practise into more environmentally sound and safe practices. We aim for a meeting with the Korean Ship owner association end of the year.

Moscow

In February ISRA joined the International Forum Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Scrap Metals conference in Moscow. During the conference it became clear that the worldwide demand for scrap metal is increasing and new scrap sources are being explored like cars. Ship breaking on a commercial basis is non-existing in Russia and Ukraine, while 75% of the required steel scrap in Russia is being imported, mainly from Turkey. Not only scrap buyers but also sellers like ship breakers were present in Moscow and environmentally sound and safe ship breaking was extensively discussed. We made contacts with potential new member yards.

Dubai

In 1-2 March a number of ISRA members attended the yearly Ship recycling Forum and of whom some gave presentations. There was a lively discussion with more that 120 attendants about the pro's and con's of beaching and it was clear that the representatives of the sub Indian continent are not likely to change their practises. The European Union and other ESM promoting countries and bodies however urgently promoted to change practises. It would be a good idea to think about combining the next ISRA GM 2011 with the next 2012 Tradewinds Forum, either again in Dubai or in Singapore in February 2012.

ISRA Certification.

Also agreed during the General Meeting the self assessment project amongst the A members of ISRA, followed by an audit at site and ISRA certification is well underway and first concepts of the format for the questionnaire are circulated and being finalized. In the months to come all A members will receive the questionnaire and are requested to complete the format.

Upcoming Events:

London, 6th annual Ship Recycling Conference, 14- 15 June

Shanghai, 3rd Asia Ship Recycling Summit, 30 June 1 July

Please be guided that we can arrange tickets with discounts for our members, moreover it is a good opportunity to meet members as many will be present.