

## **Meetings with ship-owners!**

During our last General meeting in Istanbul, November 2014 the meeting decided that the Director and the Secretary General should prioritize meetings with ship owners in 2015. In this newsletter a short report of the activities conducted as a result of that decision.

## **Safety and Environment Committee meeting on 11 February 2015 in Brussels**

Together with the NGO's and Sea2Cradle, ISRA was invited to meet and speak during the meeting of the Safety and Environment committee of the European Ship Owner Association. Afterwards and with input from discussion during the meeting the European ship-owners issued their policy position paper on ship recycling and it is clear that we have been able to influence the writers of that policy.

[http://www.ecsa.eu/images/NEW\\_Position\\_Papers/2015-03-16\\_Ship%20Recycling\\_ECSA%20Policy%20Position%20Paper\\_Final.pdf](http://www.ecsa.eu/images/NEW_Position_Papers/2015-03-16_Ship%20Recycling_ECSA%20Policy%20Position%20Paper_Final.pdf)

## **European Shipping week and Interferry in Gent, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

During the celebration of the European Shipping Week a lot of ship-owners, representatives, governmental bodies, NGO's etc. were in Brussels. Together with the Dutch Ship Owner Association we secured a presentation slot during the environmental field trip from Brussel to Gent. Our Director had 45 min to present ISRA and the latest developments on responsible ship recycling to a large group.

Thereafter part of the group visited our member GALLOO Gent Recycling showing the owners how responsible ship recycling in Europe is being performed. As a direct result of presentation the European Ferry Operator DFDS (operating 55 ships) decided to become a member! In the past DFDS already recycled one of their ships, Tor Anglia, at the yard of our Chinese member Jiangmen Yinhu.

## **Europort Istanbul, ISRA Ship recycling Seminar 12th march**

ISRA organised a seminar with the Turkish ship breakers and ship-owners. With presentations from the Director of ISRA, Wilhelmsen Ship Management, Turkey's Ship recycling association and the Chairman of the Turkish Coaster Owners and Operators there was a lively debate on the ship replacement program and the impact on the recycling business in Turkey.



## **TradeWinds Ship Recycling Forum – 10-11 March 2015**

Many ISRA members, and also our Secretary general joined the conference in Singapore, an excellent opportunity to meet ship-owners as well.

**We hope to see you during the upcoming Ship Recycling Conference, London.**