



Speech by board member James Mc Farlane to audience in Nantes  
(Intersessional MEPC 57)

“A warm welcome was given to all of the IMO Delegates by James MacFarlane who introduced the Board Members present in Nantes who included Oktay Sunata, Bernard Veldhoven and Tom Peter Blankestijn. Janice Liu, who was unable to attend, was also recognized.

The International Ship Recycling Association was formed in October 2007 in The Hague, Netherlands by a group of stakeholders in the ship recycling industry that includes Processing Yards, Classification Societies and a Ship Owner. Founding members included two yards in China, 4 yards in Turkey, a yard in Holland and two yards in the United States.

We are encouraging others to join our Association who will promote and put into practice Best Management Practices for ship recycling. This includes worker training, workplace safety along with utilizing processing facilities that aggressively and comprehensively deter wastes from entering the environment.

Our membership levels include a Candidate Member category that provides membership in our Association for facilities willing to improve their practices and infrastructure to a high standard within a reasonable time period.

ISRA is currently in the process of making application to the IMO for NGO Status. As an Association we will follow IMO Standards and will encourage others to follow this path.

Within our current member yards there exists the capacity to process on an annual basis 3.5 to 4.0 million lightweight tons. Two additional yards currently considering joining ISRA will significantly increase this capacity. Unfortunately this potential is significantly underutilized at this time. Our hope is that we can encourage enough ships into our member yards in enough volume, that not only can they be sustained in their effort to provide responsible ship recycling but that they will become vibrant, helping raise the standard for ship recycling worldwide.

At the conclusion of the remarks, the IMO Delegates were thanked for giving ISRA the opportunity to address the Delegates in attendance at the 3rd International Intersessional Meeting of the IMO Working Group on Ship Recycling in Nantes France held from January 21 through January 25 in Nantes, France.”