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ISRA welcomed the November Report of EU Parliament

The EU Parliament Rapporteur Carl Schlyter on the EU regulation on Ship Recycling supports last March's EC proposal.

He recommends further improvements to the EC proposal and reminds that OECD countries for the largest vessels do not offer enough recycling capacity, that present legislation is broadly circumvented as it is not made for end-of-life-ships and that market economically suffers from unfair competition caused by the big price differences with some recycling countries with substandard practices.

The proposal provides for a special regime for EU flagged ships as interim measure towards the ratification of the Hong Kong Convention are

not expected to be entered into force before 2020.

The Report stresses the importance of an obligatory inventory of hazardous materials for all ships calling at EU ports, a recycling plan mandatory for ships older than 20 years, the obligatory use of built structures with sufficient cranes available at facilities for dismantling and a traceability for hazardous materials removed from the ships.

All recycling facilities (OECD and non-OECD) must apply, says the Report, for an European List of facilities, only admitted when appropriate for recycling.

We are convinced that that the ISRA members will all be qualified to enter the

Innovation project

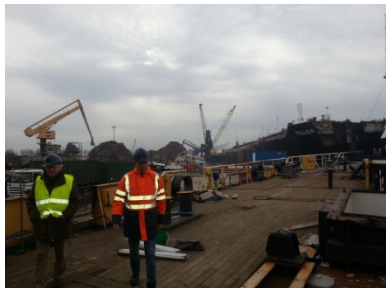
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With a combined effort of the maritime faculties of a Dutch and Chinese University, on 1st January 2013 a research project on ship recycling starts, which will last four years. The project develops recommendations how to improve a green ship recycling facility and the process of appropriate recycling, more in particular the management of hazardous materials and the way of proper disposal of them. Delft University in particular will draft guidelines for design for reuse; during building of the ship take care of the recycling at end of life. The financing of the project is made possible by a number of sponsors. ISRA is asked to assist during project.

European list of approved

facilities.

ISRA Visit to Gent; Van Heyghen Recycling



In November the Director and the Secretary General visited Van Heyghen Recycling and had a good meeting with Peter Wyntin. Peter gave us the tour over the yard, which was very occupied with ships alongside, and we discussed the possibilities of Van Heyghen joining ISRA. In the mean time Dutch company Boskalis has made a clear sustainable choice by recycling all their ships at the yard in Gent.

The Annual General Meeting 2012

ISRA will have its 7th General Meeting I.S.R.A 2012 on Monday 4th March 2013 in Dubai. Like last year, the meeting will be on the Monday just before the start of the Tradewinds Ship Recycling conference, enabling members to efficient combining appointments. Please return the application form to Natasja.

ISRA member is first with IMO green ship recycling compliance

CLASS NK has certified the facility and operation in a Chinese yard compliant with the IMO's green ship recycling convention. It is the first time that such a credential has been issued.

Jiangmen Zhongxin Shipbreaking & Steel Co is the world's first yard to receive a statement of compliance based on the Hong Kong International Convention for Safe and Environmentally

Sound Recycling of Ships. The HK Convention requires every ship sent for recycling to carry an inventory of hazardous materials and yards to provide a ship recycling plan, specifying

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how each ship will be recycled, depending on its particulars and its inventory.