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1. Dubai – General Meeting

Last year it was decided to hold our Annual general meeting alongside the Tradewinds Ship Recycling Conference, saving members an extra trip. Although the attendance of our associated members was very good, only a few A members, the ship-recyclers, were present. Apparently the Tradewinds conference is not very popular under our members. We consider to not continue this way. Alternatively we could go back to the host country of our members and arrange our General meeting close to the ship recycler's facilities. Meanwhile the minutes and action list have been distributed. These will also be circulated in Chinese and Turkish to please the members of those countries.

2. Dubai – Tradewinds conference

The ISRA director gave a speech, promoting the green ship recycling activities of the ISRA members. He made clear to a large audience that the ISRA members will ensure that they can fully comply to IMO and Brussels' requirements. They must become the preferred ship breaking locations for all European Flag ships. Clearly the developments in Brussels were an important topic of the conference.

ISRA members Lloyds Register and Sea2Cradle gave speeches.

3. Sweden, Malmo – World Maritime University, Ship recycling Conference

Also at this well organized conference the ISRA director gave a speech. The conference dealt with aspects the ship recycling business and was very well attended. High profile members of the European parliament joined. European Parliament Rapporteur Carl Schlyuter gave a clear message that the European politicians advocate an environmentally sound and safe ship recycling, and look for alternatives for unwanted practices in this industry.

ISRA members Lloyds Register, Germanischer Lloyd and Sea2Cradle gave also speeches.

4. Europe – Brussels the continuing story.

Although the special ship recycling levy for all ships calling European ports was not approved by the European Parliament, the proposed creation of a so-called "green list of environmentally sound and safe" ship recyclers was approved. Talks between the parliament and the European Commission will continue in May with the aim to reach



consensus about a new European regulations of ship recycling rules for the European Flag ships.

In the meantime in IMO the Secretary General highlighted at the opening of the 65e MEPC meeting, that although the HKG convention has been adopted almost four years ago on 15 May 2009, still not one flag state had ratified the convention. The MEPC completed the whole package required under the Convention including six guidelines identified by the Hong Kong Conference. There was a strong request to the ship recycling countries, including Bangladesh, China, India, Pakistan and Turkey, to accelerate the process of ratification.

5. The Dutch – Chinese research and innovation project

On 11 April 2013 two assistant professors of Tianjin University visited the Technical University Delft in The Netherlands to attend the first meeting of the Steering Committee, which supervises the four year research project on ship recycling. The project is started on 1 March 2013 and will be carried out by both Chinese and Dutch scientists in good cooperation. ISRA functions as chair of the Committee. ISRA member Marc van de Poel gave a very interesting insight to the research group about his experiences with several hazardous materials like asbestos. His expertise was well received by the attendants.

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