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Dr. Prof. Jin Yongxing Met with Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Secretary-General of IMO

During the visit at World Maritime University for WMU Graduation 2012 in early December, Dr. Prof. Jin Yongxing, Chair of IMLA met with Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Secretary-General of IMO and WMU's Chancellor. During the meeting, Dr. Prof. Jin Yongxing briefed on the latest development of the Association in the past year and particularly pointed out IMLA's recent involvements in IMO activities as a NGO in consultative status. Mr. Koji Sekimizu expressed high expectations of greater participation and contribution of the Association in IMO affairs for the upcoming years.



Standing from the left are Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Dr. Björn Kjerfve, and Dr. Prof. Jin Yongxing

IMLA Attended the 91st Session of IMO Maritime Safety Committee

From 26th to 30th November 2012, a delegation headed by Dr. Prof. Jin Yongxing, Chair of IMLA attended the 91st Session of IMO Maritime Safety Committee at the IMO London Headquarters. The representatives from IMLA included Ass. Prof. Clive Cole, Secretary of IMLA, and Ass. Prof. Ruan Wei from Shanghai Maritime University.

IMO MSC 91st Session agreed that rules to require passenger safety drills to take place prior to, or immediately upon, departure should be made mandatory, in the wake of the Costa Concordia incident. The MSC also adopted a number of



IMLA Representatives (from the left): Ass. Prof. Ruan Wei, Dr.Prof. Jin Yongxing, Ass.Prof. Clive Cole

amendments to the SOLAS, including a new mandatory requirement for new ships to be constructed to reduce on-board noise and to protect personnel from noise; and considered a range of other issues, including piracy and armed robbery against ships and other items submitted by the IMO sub-committees.

Before the meeting, IMLA had delivered to IMO MSC proposals on revisions of IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases.



IMO Conference Hall

2013 Shanghai Maritime University Exchange Student Programs on Maritime Studies

1. Areas of studies open for application:

Marine Transportation (Navigation)

Lectures will be related with but not limited to: Shipping management, Navigation instrument, Ship maneuvering, Maritime law, Marine Signals and Radiotelephony, Shipping business, GMDSS, and etc.]

Marine Engineering

Lectures will be related with but not limited to: Thermodynamics, Fluid mechanics, Electronics (Theory), Maritime Law, Electronics (Lab), and etc.

International Maritime Business

Lectures will be related with but not limited to: Port Terminal Operations Management, Supply Chain Management and Transport Industry, Business Law, E Commerce, Marketing, and etc.

Marine Safety and Environmental Protection

Lectures will be related with but not limited to: Environmental Chemistry, Oceanography, Marine Resource Management, Hazardous Materials Management, Principles of Environmental Engineering, and etc.

* The curriculum could be slightly changed. The final version of be issued upon your registration.

2. Program features:

- Specially-tailored full-English lectures for international students;
- Equal number of Chinese students will be selected to join the lectures;
- On-campus accommodation;
- Opportunities to experience Chinese culture and visit famous historical spots will be provided;





- 3. Program Duration: March 4th, 2013 to June 7th, 2013 / totally 14 weeks
- 4. Student Registration date: March 1 2, 2013
- **5. Tuition Fee:** This program is greatly supported by the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission, so students enrolled do not need to pay the tuition fee.

6. Required documents from candidates:

- Application Form for International Students at Shanghai Maritime University
- Latest transcript in your current university / college
- Photocopy of valid passport
- Passport-size photo (digital and printed)

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For the Memory of Professor Günther Zade

To honor the memory of Professor Günther Zade, the founding member, first chairman, and President of IMLA, the Association entrusted Prof. Fang Quangen, Deputy Chair of IMLA-INSLC with a special visit to commemorate Prof. Zade. On 9th Sep 2012, led by his wife Ms. Inge Zade, Prof. Fang came to the "Friedhof in Grohn" church yard in Bahnhof St. Magnus, Bremen. In the name of IMLA, Prof. Fang laid a wreath at the tomb with highest respects and deepest condolence to this great maritime educator.

Professor Günther Zade was former Vice-Rector and Academic Dean of the World Maritime University (WMU). He was a prolific researcher and author of many studies on the subjects of maritime education and training. Prof. Zade died in Germany when was 70.





IMLA-IMEC

IMEC Website Incorporated into the Website of IMLA



The IMEC Website: www.imla.co/imec

Peter van Kluijven, Rotterdam Mainport University of Applied Sciences Rotterdam STC-GROUP

We are pleased to be back after a long radio silence. Unfortunately there have been some serious problems with the hosting of the IMLA-IMEC website. These problems have now been solved—our website has now been incorporated into the website of our "mother-organization" IMLA. The address of our website is now

The IMLA-IMEC website offers a lot of interesting information on Maritime Education (ME), particularly regarding Maritime English and developments regarding shipboard intercultural management.

The proceedings of IMEC-24 (click here), together with the IMEC reviews can be found on the Conference News page, conference picture, etc., as well as new and highly interesting contributions on culture and ME by distinguished IMEC members can be downloaded from the website (see "Articles").

Articles related to Maritime English and/or Culture, the Human Element in Maritime affairs, and other safety related topics are welcome to be published on our website (see also "Articles").

You are invites to send in your contribution to be published on our site.

LINKS

Many interesting links can be found on our Links-page (Click here). Please feel free to send in addresses of websites that are of interest to our readers.

The IMEC FORUM

The IMEC FORUM (Chatbox) is available for all IMEC members who wish to exchange points of views, ask questions, etc..

IMEC-24 Conference Report
IMEC 24
Summit Parkview Hotel, Yangon, Myanmar
1-4 October 2012



Foreword

Prof. Dr. Peter Trenkner, Chairman of IMLA-IMEC

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

IMEC 24, which was jointly organized by the Uniteam Marine Training Centre Yangon and Myanmar Maritime University, was held in the Summit Parkview Hotel in Yangon, Myanmar, from October 01 to 04, 2012.

This IMEC may, indeed, be regarded as another milestone in the history of our organization. Our Maritime English community felt deeply honored by the active attendance of the Myanmar Deputy Minister of Transport, H.E. U Han Sein and his staff of high-ranking officers in the Opening Ceremony, and the presence of the Rector of Myanmar Maritime University, Dr Charlie Than. We express our wholehearted gratitude to all those who contributed to this event and made this IMEC in that very exotic and beautiful city a success throughout. This applies especially to Capt. Holger Rolfs and Anja Frauböse of the Uniteam Marine Training Centre – not to forget the cadet crew of Uniteam Yachting, Uniteam Marine and MMU - who ran permanently at "Full Ahead" and succeeded to make IMEC 24 an ever memorable event. I invite you all to visit our website and read all about it and I do hope to meet all of you again in Istanbul, Turkey, for the "silver" IMEC 25.

Peter Trenkner

1. IMEC - introduction

The IMEC 24 Papers and Activities Committee is pleased to state that this important event of IMEC (International Maritime English Conference) has been very successful. This year's IMEC in Yangon, Myanmar, marked the 31st anniversary of IMEC annual gatherings, first held under the name of WOME (Workshop On Maritime English). Since the very beginning the primary aim1 of IMEC has been to improve the methodology and efficiency of teaching of Maritime English for the purpose of contributing to safe and efficient maritime transport and to join IMO efforts to ensure constant protection of the marine environment.

2. IMEC 24

It is common practice with IMEC conferences for the Papers and Activities Committee to make a summary of the main aspects of the activities of each IMEC in the preparatory period and those experienced and shared with the participants during the IMEC 24 programme.

Background

As can be gathered from our website (http://www.imla.co/imec), the International Maritime English Conference, held its first gathering in Hamburg, on the 11th and 12th June 1981. One reason for this, as indicated by the conference report from 25 years ago, was the need for lecturers to have the opportunity to meet each other following the formal adoption by IMCO (today's IMO) of English as the international language of the sea, and the introduction of the SMNV (a predecessor of IMO SMCP) three years earlier (1977). The report goes on to say, "Many of the lecturers are graduates in English and well equipped to teach English at various levels but they have found themselves ill prepared for working to the technical idioms which the new emphasis demands." The situation today has changed considerably, and the background knowledge and competence of the Maritime English teacher in maritime subjects has largely improved. This claim has also been corroborated by the quality and subject competence of our colleagues who gave their presentations at IMEC 24 as well as in the papers contributed to the Proceedings.

Following the official offer by the Uniteam Marine and Myamar Maritime University (MMU), the IMEC Steering Committee decided that IMEC 24 would be held in Yangon, Myanmar from 1st - 4th October 2012. IMEC 24 was then officially presented and introduced to the 'IMECeers' (i.e. most frequent contributors and followers of IMEC events) during the closing session of IMEC 23 and, subsequently, via IMEC's and Uniteam's websites to the Maritime English teaching community worldwide. The conference and workshops under IMEC 24 were entrusted to the Local Organising Committee headed by Capt. Holger Rolfs and Capt. Kyaw Zeya.

Conference theme: papers and workshops

The Papers and Activities Committee considered authors' proposals predominantly dealing with the following topics:

¹ Although IMLA's aims "to promote contact and cooperation between Maritime Lecturers" and "to develop a body of professional expertise" are also relevant for IMEC here!

- IMO requirements on Maritime English for Deck and Engineer Officers: Aspects of Learning/Teaching, Training Programmes
- Cross-cultural Communication Issues on board
- Cultural awareness and Maritime English teaching
- IMO SMCP and Safety at Sea Standardisation in Maritime English
- Evaluation, assessment, and testing in Maritime English: measuring students' competence and performance
- Use of modern technology in teaching and assessment
- Sharing ideas and materials in teaching Maritime English
- Teacher Training and the Training of Teacher Trainers
- The development of Maritime English Courses
- The Qualification Profile of the Maritime English Lecturer
- Research in Maritime English: linguistic and pedagogical aspects

This year's issue of IMEC conferences was prevailingly marked by the inspiring key-note presentation "Whither Maritime English?" given by Peter Trenkner and Clive Cole.

The papers and workshops on cross-cultural issues in the maritime industry and in teaching Maritime English presented a continuation of recent IMEC annual conferences by placing higher emphasis on the cultural issues of communication and teaching Maritime English than before, in addition to CALL and CBT in assessment and testing, safety of navigation, teaching methodology, and research into Maritime English, which have always been and are likely to remain the major challenges of IMEC members and events. IMEC 24 has again confirmed that the IMEC Steering Committee has been right in deciding to introduce the theoretical and practical issues of maritime-related cultural awareness into IMEC's programme of activities.

IMEC24 was specially featured by the presentations and workshops introducing the outcomes of research and practical applications deriving from a number of EU and other projects on the interaction of MET and Maritime English teaching.

Also encouraging was the urge by the participants to further improve and intensify the exchange of resources and teaching materials, especially those within the electronic media, CALL, and using the IMEC website to promote the sharing of Maritime English resources.

IMEC 24 was heavily marked by the pronounced presence and quality performance of a significant number of younger members of IMEC and colleagues from the host country. This proves that, in addition to the devoted followers of IMEC, whether they be presenters or participants, the IMEC community surely has a prosperous future.

Preparatory work

IMEC 24 was hosted by Uniteam Marine and Myanmar Maritime University, with Capt. Holger Rolfs and Ms Anja Frauboese of Uniteam Marine and Capt. Kyaw Zeya of Myanmar Maritime University, co-chairing the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). The LOC worked closely with the Papers and Activities Committee of IMEC in making preparations for the conference, including the home page for the conference (http://www.uniteammarine.com/index.php?article_id=36), which served as an reliable source of conference information.

Ever since, i.e. following the issuance of the First Announcement of IMEC 24 distributed in December 2010, on behalf of the Papers and Activities Committee we (the IMEC 24 Papers Committee) have exchanged numerous e-mails with the prospective participants. Regular contacts were kept with Capt. Holger, head of the Local Organising Committee (LOC). Naturally, many mails were also exchanged with the paper/workshop presenters in order to ensure the success of the conference.

A total of 30 papers and 6 workshop proposals (abstracts) were submitted to the Papers and Activities Committee. After some adjustments such as changing a paper into a workshop, breaking a single workshop into two, 23 papers, 6 workshops were listed in the final proceedings.

Venue, Participants, Special Prgrammes

IMEC 24 took place at Summit Parkview Hotel in Yangon, Myanmar , 1-4 October 2012.

A total of 57 people registered from 13 different coutries. The conference fees were 250 Euro for IMLA members, 280 for non-members, and 130 Euro for accompanying persons. Special programmes for accompanying persons were offered in parallel with the conference sessions.

Opening ceremony

The inaugural session was opened by warm welcoming words from H.E. U Han Sein, Deputy Minister of Transport, Myanmar, followed by the opening address from IMEC chair Prof. Dr. Peter Trenkner, who, during the course of his speech, asked Vice Chair Clive Cole to deliver a message from the Honorary Chair of IMLA, Prof. Dr. Jin Yongxing.

Keynote

The chair and vice-chair pair of IMLA-IMEC, Prof. Dr. Peter Trenkner and Prof. Clive Cole, presented their keynote paper titled "Whither Maritime English?" summarizing the history of Maritime English and recommending new courses to steer in the future. Their emphasis on "twinning," namely technical instructors and English teachers working together was timely given the fact that, unlike the past IMECs, we had quite a few ex-mariners from the industry participating.

The Programme: papers, workshop, and other activities

Aside from the keynote, 13 papers were presented and 2 workshops were delivered during the 4-day conference. The presentation of one paper published in the proceedings had to be cancelled because the presenter had to fly back home due to her mother's illness. Some of the presentations and workshops also contained computer and/or internet based activities utilizing digital pictures, video clips, recorded Maritime English samples with various accents, etc.. New teaching and testing materials, and classroom activities that utilise the modern Information and Communication Technology were presented, and they will definitely be among topics presented/discussed at future IMECs as well. Several presentations concentrated on the course/syllabus design. For example, instructors from the Uniteam shared with the participants how they ensure the English proficiency of their ratings, and instructors from Sweden introduced their broad initiative to teach engineering English and engineering subjects at the same time. A Videotel representative kindly shared with us educational video materials that can be used in a classroom. We also found more academic approach to maritime communications in terms of discourse analysis and semantics. The two workshops were about intercomprehension and defining maritime terminology. All in all, the presentations and workshops were highly relevant and suitable for a round table of discussion that IMLA-IMEC aims to present to the Maritime English teaching profession.

Other activities aside from academic presentations included the welcome drink, a dinner hosted by Myanmar Maritime University, a visit to the famous Schwedagon Pagoda where the conference picture was taken, a sightseeing tour of Yangon, and a superb farewell dinner at the Yangon Sailing Club. Yangon proved a highly "musical" venue and almost every event was accompanied by outstanding music of one form or another, making the proceedings really go with a swing.

Concluding Remarks

IMEC 24, just like past IMECs, was again full of interesting and stimulating presentations and workshops. IMEC 24 has indeed provided a global forum for all the participants, allowing them to share experiences, teaching materials and techniques and to exchange ideas. We believe that not a single participant went home without learning something new, and in this respect, this IMEC was another big success.

Acknowledgements

The IMEC Steering Committee extends its sincerest gratitude to Uniteam Marine and Myanmar Maritime University for hosting IMEC 24. LOC Chairs Capt. Holger Rolfs and Capt. Kyaw Zeya, and their dedicated committee members did their very best to make the conference a reality and to run it smoothly, making IMEC 24 yet another conference one can never forget.

IMLA-INSLC

Steering Committee Meeting at INSLC 17 Warnemünde/GERMANY

At Maritime Simulation Centre Warnemünde, 5th Sept 2012 18:00 hrs

Short Minutes of Meeting

Participants of meeting:

Last Name	First Name	Title	Country	Position	Affiliation World Maritime University		
BALDAUF	Michael	Prof. Dr.	Sweden	Associate Professor Maritime Safety			
BENEDICT	Knud	Prof. Dr.	Germany	Professor, Head of MSCW	Hochschule Wismar/MSCW, Germany		
DALTON	Craig	Prof.	USA	Chair, Marine Transportation Department	Massachusetts Maritime Academy		
FANG	Quangen	Professor	China	Professor	Shanghai Maritime University		
JIN	Yicheng	Prof.	China	Director	Dalian Maritime University		
KOBAYASHI	Hiroaki	Prof. Dr.	Japan	Professor	Tokyo University of Marine science and Technology		
RUDRAKUMAR	Manik	Capt.	Canada	Captain	BCIT, Vancouver		
SNÖERG	Jan	Capt.	Sweden	Head of Academy	Kalmar Maritime Academy, Linnaeus University		
TEEL	Samuel	Prof.	USA	Professor	Maine Maritime Academy		
HU	Shenping	Prof.	China	Professor	Shanghai Maritime University		
YIN	Yong	Prof. Dr.	China	Professor	Dalian Maritime University		

It was agreed that Prof. Fang will chair this meeting as Active Chair of INSLC 18 because the previous Chairman Eric Larsson had to leave the Steering Committee due to unforeseen private circumstances.

Prof. Benedict will take over the role as new Chairman of INSLC assigned by the IMLA Steering Committee at the end of this INSCL17 Conference.

Agenda Elements and Results:

1. Discussion and Decision on Venue for next INSLC 18

There was an offer by Massachusetts Maritime Academy (USA) to organise the next INSLC18 in their premises. Craig Dalton explained the resources of the academy and the potential to host this conference. This proposal was highly welcomed by the steering committee and the decision was made to use Mas Maritime as host forth INSLC18 in 2014, most probably in the first half of July.

2. Members of Future INSLC Steering Committee

An inventory was made to find out the composition of former Steering Committee because this information was missing due to the leave of the former Chairman. After some discussions the following new list of members was decided: (lists were updated!)

List of Steering Committee Members at INSLC-17

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One candidate from Europe is still to be named because the potential candidate from Slovenia Marko Perkovic turned out to be an engineer and not a navigator. As some of the members indicated that they might leave the committee after the INSLC18 the following candidates were mentioned as potential future members.

HU	Shenping	Prof.	China	Professor	Shanghai Maritime University	sphu@shmtu.edu.cn	1		1		Potential Candidate to replace Prof. Fang Quangen
YIN	Yong	Prof.Dr.	China	Professor	Dalian Maritime University	Bushyin_dmu@263.net	1	0			Potential candidate to replace Prof. Jin Yicheng

3. Cooperation of INSCL with other organisations (IMSF)

Steven Cross as former member of the committee gave some ideas for making the work of the members of IMLA and other institutions (IMSF) more effective by avoiding overlapping of conference contents. The following proposals were developed during the discussions:

- a. Some conferences could be organised together to avoid travel and take advantage from synergy effects (for instance to organise the IMLA Conferences together with those of the sub-committees as INSLC, ICERS and IMEC in parallel sessions)
- b. The profile of the institutions and conferences should be better defined and their profile sharpened to attract the specific participants to the specific conferences, e.g.
 - INSLC is specifically dedicated to teaching and learning, scenario building and training issues for effective exercises
 - IMSF is directed towards Simulation technology, modelling of objects and parameters of models etc.

4. Any other items

The following issues were discussed:

- a. There is a lack of clear definitions of some terms often used as for instance BRM and BTM and others. It was suggested to establish an open forum and discussion group for developing these definitions and terms. It could be also a topic for the next INSLC 18 as a paper of several authors involved in the discussion or as a topic of a workshop. WMU should take responsibility to start and handle the discussion to define BRM and BTM. There is the idea to send our suggestion on final definition of those terms to IMLA and further to IMO.
- b. Dynamic Positioning DP: it was seen with concerns that the Nautical Institute plays a too dominant role as a "monopolist" for certification and regulation on this area. It is the view that centres accept that Nautical Institute sets regulations from the industries needs and point of view. But we can't accept that NI sets requirements for pedagogical and methodical issues. Those parts can be handled most effective by the training centres. IMO needs to take a more active part in requirements for DP education and training, and put pressure on Maritime Administrations to be more active. It was suggested to collect experiences and to raise the responsibility of the flag states and the responsible authority for MET to strengthen their efforts to get a more widely accepted responsibility on that area.
- c. Topics of Future INSLC conferences: it was agreed that common areas of interest as for instance effective Simulation scenario development and other issues should be taken into account for the next conference topics. "Effective Exercises" is an important part for all instructors to share. We also agreed that "Learning and Teaching" should take a bigger part of our conference in the future. The potential ideas for topics should be collected by the hosts to be distributed well before the invitation call for the next conference.
- d. Thanks to previous Chairman Eric Larsson: It was agreed within the participants that those who have still contact to the previous Chairman Eric Larsson should convey our best regards and thanks for his great efforts for INSLC.

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