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Welcome Message



Bjorn Jebsen
InterManager President

We are living in very interesting times. Shipping is never dull and shipmanagement especially.

This was very apparent during our recent International Shipowning and Shipmanagement Summit (ISSS) which took place during London International Shipping Week.

ISSS was fully booked, giving a clear indication of how important ship and crew managers, and related business leaders, believe it is to discuss the global challenges facing our segment of the industry.

Our one-day seminar examined issues such as international sanctions, global trade, innovation, technology, seafarers, and the future of industry.

As we gathered at the central London offices of Norton Rose Fulbright, I was honoured to deliver the opening address. This gave me an opportunity to highlight the work InterManager has been carrying out on behalf of our members and the wider shipping community.

I outlined to the packed audience the recent work of our dynamic Association and energetic Secretariat. In particular I revealed the findings of a recent poll we carried out where we asked our members: "What wakes you up in the middle of the night?"

Here are their responses – some you may be expecting; some may surprise you.

Seafarer related concerns

InterManager does not just represent ship owners

– we also represent crew managers too. Since the introduction of crew managers into the shipping industry in the mid 1980s there has been an unprecedented development of the sector and today nearly 90% of all seafarers employed at sea are looked after by a crew manager. Crew managers are a vital part of our supply chain and the modern ship management sector could not operate without these solid partners.

Our members shared a number of crew-related concerns with us, including:

Criminalisation of seafarers

Our members reported experiencing what they believe were unjustified interventions by local customs or immigration officers, and even local police, resulting in sea staff being jailed.

We cannot believe how often our seafarers are still being criminalised. One of the latest examples was in Mexico where a ship's crew found contraband smuggled into their vessel's hold, reported it – and were arrested as a result! InterManager is working to change that.

Lack of a central repository for seafarers' documentation

Our seafarers travel, they need to visit other countries and they need to go ashore. The systems in place around the world need to be simplified and consolidated and ship operators believe that a central repository would go a long way towards solving the problems. Such a facility would be of benefit to Port State Control, immigration, ports and even banks.

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Safety – particularly deaths in enclosed spaces and lifeboat accidents

Both these issues are matters which InterManager is working with industry counterparts to tackle. We have also engaged our seafarers assistance to get their thoughts on why deaths are still occurring in enclosed spaces and these findings have helped inform our ongoing campaign. In addition, InterManager is the only organisation in the world which keeps a lifeboat accident database. We share this with other maritime stakeholders in order to work towards industry-wide improvements.

Operational concerns

Other sleep-depriving concerns include:

New environmental regulations

Our members are especially concerned by a perceived vagueness in new legislation and said they often experience difficulty in trying to follow it 'from the shop floor'.

InterManager is working with fellow Non-Governmental Organisations within the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to bring our experience to the legislative process – a challenging task!

Paperwork!

Yes mountains of paperwork still threaten to overwhelm our members! It seems that technology is not yet able to break bureaucratic barriers around the world. In addition, from the feedback we have received,

it looks like the European Union's Single Window – despite its initial promise – has only increased the amount of paperwork. InterManager is working with IMO to reverse this trend.

Cyber security

Our members are concerned about cyber threats, particularly GPS and AIS spoofing. InterManager is working with industry partners to ensure the "user" point of view is taken into account when developing and installing new technologies.

Cargo misdeclaration (bulk and containers)

People are dying because cargoes are misdeclared – deliberately or accidentally. InterManager is seeking industry allies to identify solutions to this very serious problem.

Vetting regimes – especially Right Ship / Star System

Our members are frustrated by the application of some vetting regimes and strongly believe that a level playing field is extremely important.

All of this important feedback gives us food for thought indeed. InterManager has plenty to work on and we thank everyone who continues to support our efforts.

Happy reading! ♦

Best Regards
Bjørn Jebsen
InterManager President



London summit generates lively debates

Ship operators from throughout the globe gathered in London to attend InterManager's International Shipowning and Shipmanagement Summit (ISSS19) during London International Shipping Week.

Together leaders from throughout the shipping industry, including ship managers, ship owners, lawyers, insurers, financiers, legislators and technical specialists, considered the key issues affecting today's international trade and examined future opportunities and threats.

In particular, a lively panel debate of leading ship management CEOs discussed the sector's changing face. Mark O'Neil, CEO of Columbia Shipmanagement, commented: "We are ship managers – it's not for us to get involved with geopolitics."

Former InterManager President Roberto Giorgi, now Chairman of Fraser Yachts, replied: "If we don't speak up now as Associations, where will we be in fifty years' time? In the same place talking about the same things!"

Highlighting compliance with environmental legislation and a range of measures associated with safety and crew welfare, Olav Nortun, CEO of Thome Shipmanagement said: "We, as managers, have to take our part."

Mark Rawson of the Liberian Shipowners' Council and representing the International Chamber of Shipping, outlined the changes that are needed to ensure the International Safety Management (ISM) code meets the needs of tomorrow's shipping industry. He advised that ICS is due to publish a document soon sharing its members' 20 years of experience in using the ISM Code.

Some interesting facts and figures emerged during the day's discussions. Roger Adamson, CEO of InterManager

Associate Member company Futureonautics, reported that the average vessel generates 111gb of data per month and this figure is expected to grow by 249% within five years. He also advised that connectivity costs the average ship some \$60k each year.

During his entertaining presentation on the challenges of utilising technology to benefit vessel and crew operations, InterManager Excom member Markus Schmitz, Managing Director of SOFTImpact, advised it is essential that the maritime sector properly considers whether the new technology emerging is of actual benefit to our operations. Urging the shipping industry to "slow down" in its adoption of new technologies, he advised: "we need pragmatic solutions to real problems."

Markus pointed out that there are an average of 30 applications running on commercial ships every day and queried: "Do we expect the Master to use all those?"

Safety took centre stage after lunch as delegates discussed a range of onboard safety matters, including InterManager's Enclosed Spaces campaign which aims to raise awareness of the dangers of working in enclosed spaces and to encourage the industry as a whole to find solutions in order to save lives.

The Summit concluded with a film presentation from Videotel which used real seafarers to demonstrate the problems associated with alarm fatigue – another industry issue which InterManager is working with partners to find solutions to.

Thanking everyone for their attendance, presentations and interesting discussions, InterManager Secretary General Captain Kuba Szymanski advised that the Association plans to hold more events in several countries over 2020. 📍



Enclosed spaces action needs to be taken across our industry

InterManager's survey into the dangers of enclosed spaces aboard vessels attracted an excellent response from within the maritime community, with some useful feedback and helpful suggestions.

Thanks to the great feedback we received from seafarers and marine sector workers throughout the international shipping industry we have the information we need to be able to lobby the International Maritime Organisation and other key maritime stakeholders and work towards eradicating these risks.

When we launched our survey we promised to recognise the sender of the most useful comments which we receive with a prize. Well we have kept our word – and plan to go even further.

Such was the quality of the comments we received that we feel recognition should go in particular to a number of individuals. As a result we plan to make a series of presentations to honour the contribution of those people.

The first presentation will be to Frank Lasse, HSEQ Director of Bernhard Schulte. He will receive an Enclosed

Spaces Campaign Leadership Award and an iPad in recognition of his outstanding leadership in encouraging seafarers to send their feedback to us.

Other presentations will take place during the Crew Connect Global event in Manila in November.

InterManager Secretary General, Captain Kuba Szymanski, said: "It was vital to us that we understood what the people actually working in these dangerous spaces think in order to formulate proper proposals. Our survey results make clear that much needs to be done to address the issues of working in enclosed spaces and to eradicate the risk to life. No-one should die while carrying out their daily work."

A large range of vessel operators, managers and crew took part in our three month-long industry-wide survey, with crew from almost 250 ships providing feedback – representing more than 5,000 seafarers. Kuba said: "I would like to thank all those individuals who took part because it is them who are helping to create a safety culture for future generations." ◆



Thank you and aloha to George

InterManager members expressed their heartfelt gratitude to retiring Vice President George Hoyt, of Face of Shipping, for his many years of steadfast service to our association.

George has been associated with InterManager, and its predecessor ISMA, since 1997 and has given loyal service both as an Associate Member, a member of the Executive Committee and, latterly, as a Vice President – travelling around the globe to represent InterManager at numerous meetings and events.

He was deeply involved in InterManager's substantial Key Performance Indicator (KPI) project and, in recent years, has pioneered the Adopt A Ship scheme on our behalf – which he will continue to be involved with.

InterManager President Bjorn Jebsen said: "We are very grateful for the dedication George has shown to

our Association and for his many years of tireless work on our behalf."

George was presented with an engraved sextant during our Annual General Meeting in London.

He said: "Being an Excom member, Vice President and Chair of the KPI Committee were all great honours. I am very grateful to the ISMA and InterManager teams for all they have taught me, the trust they gave me, and friendships that have developed over the past 22 years. I will try to effectively use the lovely sextant and the many years of advice and mentoring to help me navigate into the future with Adopt A Ship and my other global projects that will help increase maritime awareness."

Thank you George – aloha and safe travels. 🌟

Executive Committee appointments

InterManager has appointed its first women members to the Executive Committee.

At last month's Annual General Meeting Captain Natalia Bello (right), Vetting Superintendent of Sofcomflot Cyprus (SCF) Ship Management, and Astrid Drent, Human Resource Manager for Netherlands-based MF Shipping Group, were elected to the Executive Committee and will serve for two years.

InterManager Secretary General, Captain Kuba Szymanski, said: "We are delighted to welcome these two extremely capable people to our ExCom and pleased that InterManager membership is now better reflecting the modern shipping industry. Gender diversity in the workplace is very important, particularly at senior management level, and these appointments are most certainly a step in the right direction and we look forward to working with Astrid and Natalia."

In addition, Edgar Mila of PTC replaces Gerardo Borromeo on the Executive Committee and the following were reappointed to serve a further two-year term each: Dirk Fry (Columbia); Tony Field (Lloyd's Register); Ajay Tripathi (MMS). ♦





News from the IMO

As forecast, it has been a pretty busy summer at the IMO during which the Technical Cooperation Committee met in June followed by the Implementation of IMO Instruments (III 6) and finally, IMO Council, C122.

Directly after the August break, the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 6) convened in early September, subsequently the subject of a Summary report circulated by the Secretary General of InterManager.

World Maritime Day 2019 was celebrated at IMO headquarters on 26 September commencing with a TED-talk style, thought-provoking presentation by KD Adamson, futurist and CEO of FutureNautics. On completion of his formal receiving line duties, the Secretary General of IMO delivered a welcoming message to the many guests present at a grand reception and this was followed by a folklore performance from Colombia, host of the 2019 World Maritime parallel event.

Apart from a meeting of the IOPC Funds in late October, and a meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on Green House Gases in mid-November, neither of which we attend, there is an inter-regnum prior to the current Council meeting in Extraordinary Session (Council ES 30) for two days on 21 and 22 November. The main object of the meeting will be refinement of Council's report to the Assembly on the work of the organisation since it last met at its 30th session, with particular emphasis on Strategic Planning and Resource Management.

ASSEMBLY 31

Assembly 31 sits immediately after Council ES 30 for eight working days from Monday 25 November, this being the final formal meeting at IMO for 2019. In addition to the most important task of electing a new Council for the following two years, other items of interest to InterManager members include:

- Report of the outgoing Council to the Assembly;
- Strategy Planning and Reform;
- IMO Member State Audit Scheme;

- Consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Marine Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee, the Technical Cooperation Committee and the Facilitation Committee;
- Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter, 1972 and the 1996 Protocol;
- Periodic review of administrative requirements in mandatory instruments;
- Resource Management;
- Reports on Global maritime training institutions (WMU and IMLI);
- External relations, including those with the UN, IGOs and NGOs; Report on World Maritime Days 2018 and 2019; International Maritime Prize; IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea; Day of the Seafarer; and, IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador Scheme;
- Report on the status of the IMO Convention and membership of the Organisation;
- Report on the status of conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organisation performs functions;
- Election of Members to the Council;
- Appointment of the External Auditor; and,
- Approval of the appointment of the Secretary General. ●

With very best wishes to all,

Happy reading.

Captain Paddy McKnight

Through the Porthole



Want to see your company
"Through The Porthole"?
We welcome photographs from
all our Members.

Email them to:
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Watch Keeping

Digitalisation in Shipping Europe

9 – 10 October

Hamburg, Germany

For more details see website:

www.wplgroup.com/aci/event/digitalisation-in-shipping-europe-2019/

Germany

9 - 10

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2019 Maritime Economy Forum

11 October

Gdynia, Poland

For more details see website: www.forum.gdynia.pl/en

Poland

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Seagull User Forum

23 October

Athens, Greece

Further details:

www.seagull.no/newsroom/events/ArtMID/1081/ArticleID/1299/Seagull-Maritime-User-Meeting-in-Athens

Greece

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Crew Connect Global

18 – 21 November

Manila, Philippines

Further details: maritime.knect365.com/crew-connect-global

Philippines

18 - 21

Nov 2019

On The Wire

Snippets from across social media.



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With 30 speakers and 600 participants, this year's Maritime Forum Gdynia promises some lively discussions. Places are filling fast. For a taste of what's to come here's a welcome by our Secretary General who will be hosting a Shipping Panel debate:



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Great venue for our Annual General Meeting. Thank you @NortonRose #towerbridge #LISW19



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"If we don't speak up as associations, where will we be in 50 years' time? In the same place talking about the same thing! - Roberto Giorgi speaking at our recent seminar in London #ISSS19 #LISW19 #shipmanagement #shipping



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Deaths in enclosed spaces, seafarer fatigue, defibrillators onboard vessels - some of the topics being discussed by our current panel here at #ISSS19 during #LISW19



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Thank you @Videotel_Marine for a fascinating film on alarm management. #LISW19 #ISSS19 #shipmanagement



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We are asking all seafarers to participate in our SEAFARERS TRAINING survey. This study is being conducted in order to better understand the use of training solutions in the maritime industry.



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Gdynia- Maritime Forum. We are running Ship Management Panel Looking forward to "grilling" Tommy Hjalmas, Phil Kelly, Slawomir T Slawomir T Kalicki, Szymon Trabala, Tadeusz Hatalski



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