Press release

GLOBALMET Conference 2014

The prestigious annual Globalmet conference was held on 1st March this year at MTI in Powai. Considering the gigantic steps that Shipping is taking progressively forward, the theme this year was rather interesting – ‘Competence requirements of the future Mariner’. The conference was attended by a large number of eminent personalities and various others, connected with the Shipping industry.

The welcome note by Capt.K.N.Deboo, Director, Anglo Eastern Maritime Training Centre, was followed by the opening address of Capt. Rod Short, Executive Secretary, GlobalMet, who spoke about the development and various activities of GlobalMet. The keynote address was next, and this was given by Capt. Tim Wilson, Chairman, GlobalMET. After this, there was the address of the Guest Of Honour, Mr.A.K.Gupta, CMD of SCI and the address by the Chief Guest, Mr. Gautam Chatterjee, D.G.Shipping, followed.

After the enthusing and informative addresses by the dignitaries, was the event that many were waiting for – The Lifetime Achievement Awards to top maritime educationists, and this event was well coordinated and presented by Capt.M.C.Yadav, Director FOSMA. These were deservedly received by Capt.A.K.Prasad, Capt.Kripalani, Capt.K.S.Varadkar and Mr.Gopal Krishnan.

After a small break, began the first session of the day, with the theme as – Role Of The Future Mariner, and the session was chaired by Mr.A.Banerjee, Chief Surveyor to the Govt.of India, while Capt.Shingatgiri did a good job of coordinating the session. The first talk which was by Mr.David Square, Editor ALERT, Nautical Institute, was really very invigorative, as he spoke about the key competencies that would be required for the mariner of the future. Dr.Michelle Grech, Head of Section – Human Factors, AMSA, Australia, then spoke about human factors strategies to achieve ship operational safety and efficiency in the present and future electronic era. She was followed by Dr.Barry Strauch, NTSB, USCG, who put forward his perspective about the training challenges of the electronic age ahead. Soon thereafter Dr.Phillip Belcher, Marine Director, INTERTANKO, delivered an informative speech on the evolving competence requirements on tankers.

The interesting Question and Answer session was followed by a hearty lunch, after which the second session of the day began, the theme being – Building Competence for 2020. While Capt.Rod Short chaired the session, Capt.Orpe did the coordination. Capt.Y.Sharma of IMTC spoke about how building competence of the future mariner could be achieved. The much awaited panel discussion was next in line – with Capt.L.K.Panda, Capt.Tim Wilson, Capt.Y.Sharma, Capt.Pradeep Chawla and Mr.J.K.Dhar on the panel, exchanging thoughts, ideas and viewpoints about how competence requirements in the future could be achieved best and what the challenges that lay ahead, are. The summation by Capt.Rod Short followed this
discussion, and finally it was the turn of Capt.K.Iyer of TMI, to deliver the vote of thanks to the esteemed guests.

Thus concluded a very useful, informative and lively day at the GlobalMet seminar.