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### GLOBALMET in India 2007 Conference

GLOBALMET, an association formed of 106 Maritime Education and Training Institutions through the world, held an international conference in Mumbai on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2007. This was the 7<sup>th</sup> such conference, held annually since the year 2001. The Association was formed as AMETIAP (Association of Maritime Education and Training Institutions in Asia-Pacific) in the year 1995. Last year it went global and now forms the largest single voice of Maritime Training Institutions throughout the world.

The theme for this years conference was “Improving MET through review of STCW and Training Policies”, and was held in the Textiles Committee Auditorium, Prabhadevi, Mumbai, attracting over 150 participants. The conference was organized by the GLOBALMET members in Mumbai (list is attached).

All the various stakeholders were represented and papers were presented by representatives of leading shipowners, shipmanagers, maritime training institutions in India and abroad, sailing masters, chief engineers and the Indian administration.

In his welcome address, Capt. K.N.Deboo, chairman of the local organising committee stressed the need for making GLOBALMET a strong and vibrant associating with an erstwhile consultative status at IMO.

Rod Short, the executive secretary of GLOBALMET, the driving force behind the associations rise to prominence since its inception, in his Opening address, spoke of the ever increasing training requirements for seafarers around the world and the need for the MET institutions of network and exchange information with each other fostering quality improvements.

In his address, the Guest of Honour, Mr. R. Srinivasan former Director General CII stressed the key elements of building an organizational excellence with the maritime

training culture, the role India can play in GLOBALMET and the need to clearly distinguish between training and certification.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Michael Pinto, former Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India, after emphasizing the need for change, for less dependence on certification, for continuous training through distance education, for enabling upward mobility for ratings, for ensuring sufficient onboard training and regional cross-recognition of certificates, urged that the voice of the seafarer be listened to prior to developing any training policies affecting them.

Capt. Tim Wilson, Vice Chairman of GLOBALMET and Director, New Zealand Maritime School, reflected on the recent substantial increase in partial losses, the increases in groundings and collisions are astounding, given the technologies in use – the unlikelihood that the current review of STCW will produce the changes needed, and stressed that GLOBALMET is the key to ensuring the MET providers are more effective in advocating for improved competence standards in the shipping industry.

The Chief Surveyor with the Government of India, Mr. A. Chatterjee delivered his views chapter by chapter on the proposed comprehensive review of STCW being conducted through the STW sub-committee, in which he outlined India's action plan and the need to stress the human aspects of proposed changes.

Subsequent speakers representing GLOBALMET Members and interested parties:

**The MET providers:** Mr. J. K. Dhar, Principal and Capt. S.S. Chaudhari, Nautical Officer, LBS CAMSAR.

**The Ship Owners:** Mr. David Birwadkar, Vice President, Great Eastern Shipping.

**The Ship Managers:** Capt. Navin Passey, Chairman, FOSMA.

**The Seafarers:** Capt. Rajendra Pradhan and Chief Engineer Mr. Rajashekhar Sunder.

**The Educators:** Mr. B. K. Saxena, Principal, Tolani Maritime Institute, Mr. Pooran Chugani, HRD and Management Consultant, Capt. K. Vivekanand, Director Vels Group of Maritime College, Capt. K. J. Miranda, Dean of Nautical Studies, SCIs Maritime Training Institute.

Provided a comprehensive overview of MET in India and the key elements on which it focus eg. Changes in technology, HR skills, communication, globalised standardization, recruitment of seafarers and MET teachers.

The Session Moderators were Capt. M. C. Yadav - Director (Training) FOSMA, Mrs. Naomi Rewari, Director - Applied Research International, Capt. N. Peshimam, Captain Superintendent - T. S. Rahaman, Capt. S. S. Jairam, Chairman - MASSA.

The conference concluded with a plenary discussion and a panel chaired by Capt. M. M. Saggi, Nautical Advisor- Directorate General of Shipping and comprised of

- Capt. K. Vivekanand, Director - Vels Group of Maritime Colleges
- Mr. P. H. Krishnan, Dy. D. G. -D. G. Shipping
- Capt. Pradeep Correa, General Manager, Fleet Personnel - G. E. Shipping
- Capt. Yashoverman Sharma, Head of Training Centre - IMTC
- Capt. K. Miranda, Dean (Nautical Studies) - The Shipping Corporation of India Limited, Maritime Training Institute
- Capt. Nalin Pandey, Manager Director - Pentagon Marine Services Pvt. Ltd.
- Capt. B. Puri, Manager HRD & Training - MSC Ship Management
- Mr. Francis Akkara, G. M. & Vice Principal – Anglo-Eastern Maritime Training Centre
- Mr. Ajit Keeriyott, Sr. Manager - Northern Marine Management Services.

With the vote of thanks delivered by Capt. S. S. Manjeshwar, Head of Training – Wallem Maritime Training Centre.

A notable feature of this GLOBALMET in India Conference was the recognition of their outstanding contribution to Maritime Education and Training in India and the presentation of awards to “Seven Stars of MET”.

- Capt. Indrajit Singh - ex. Captain Superintendent , T.S. Bhadra, T. S. Dufferin, T.S.Rajendra.
- Capt. T. K. Joseph - ex. Captain Superintendent T. S. Rajendra and Principal LBS CAMSAR.

- Capt. A. P. Kothurkar - Secretary, MASSA, ex. Captain Superintendent T. S. Bhadra and T. S. Rajendra.
- Mr. D. K. Sanyal – ex. DMET, Principal Lecturer of Maritime Academy, Malaysia, author of a very popular book on Diesel Engines.
- Capt. H. Subramaniam - ex. Captain Superintendent T. S. Chanakya, and Principal, LBS CAMSAR
- Mr. B. N. Bera - ex. Director, Marine Engineering and Research Institute.
- Capt. T. D Hazari - ex. Principal, Maritime Training Institute, Shipping Corporation of India.

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