

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 deservingly 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 .