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The global importance of the SMM as the leading fair of the shipbuilding industry is reflected in the top-class and comprehensive supporting programme, with more programme items than ever before. Numerous congresses, conferences, workshops, panel discussions, meetings and official receptions will be on offer to the more than 47,000 trade visitors expected from all over the world. In total, there will be more than 1,800 companies, from 55 countries, as well as international associations and institutions, making the new Hamburg Fair site the centre of the international maritime industry for the four days of the fair, from 23 to 26 September 2008. As well as economic and shipbuilding policy subjects, energy saving technologies and climate and environmental protection will be the centre of attention at SMM 2008.

These subjects will already be apparent on the eve of the first fair day, when Michael Glos, the German Federal Minister of Economics and Technology, formally opens SMM 2008 at 19.00h in the CCH-Congress Center Hamburg. On the occasion of the SMM, Antonio Tajani, Vice President of the European Commission, and with responsibility for transport, Ole von Beust, President of the Hamburg Senate and First Mayor of Hamburg, and Dr. Corrado Antonini, Honorary Chairman of the Community of European Shipyards' Associations (CESA) will also speak to the more than 500 invited guests.

In the light of the turbulence in the international finance markets, the Ship Finance Forum, taking place on 22 September 2008, and jointly sponsored by the Financial Times Deutschland, Lloyd's Shipping Economist, the UK trade journal, together with the Hamburg Fair, may well be of particular interest. Eminent experts from the world of finance and from the shipbuilding and shipping industry will discuss the current and future challenges of the market. Participation in the Ship Finance Forum can be registered via the registration hotline (Tel.: +44 (0)20 7017 5511) or online (www.shipfinanceforum08.com).

A particular highlight during SMM 2008 will be the first international conference on "Maritime Security and Defence" (MS&D), which takes place on 24 and 25 September 2008 at the Hamburg Fair site, Conference A, Hall 1. Speakers from the operations staff of numerous navies, including the British Royal Navy, the French, German and Malaysian navies, together with experts from the security industry and scientists will examine the growing threat to shipping and ports due to piracy

and armed robberies, and the danger of terrorist attacks. The conference is the forerunner of next year's first international congress with accompanying "Maritime Security & Defence 2009" (MS&D 2009) trade fair - organised by the Hamburg Fair - which takes place from 6 to 8 October 2009 at the Hamburg Fair site. The conference programme and registration documents are available at: www.ms2008.com.

The "Environment and Innovation" workshop, which takes place from 11.30h to 13.30h on Tuesday 23 September in Conference A, Hall 1 at SMM 2008, organised by the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMW) and the CESA, the umbrella organisation for European shipbuilders, in cooperation with the Hamburg Fair, will explain that environmental protection is not a brake on development, but rather the result of technical inventive genius. Dagmar G. Wöhrl, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMW) and German Government Coordinator for the Maritime Industry, will open the event. The Chairman of the European Community of Shipbuilders' Associations (CESA), Kommer Damen, and the President of the European Marine Equipment Council (EMEC), Jaakko Eskola, will also take part in the event. The workshop will focus on shipyards, shipbuilding suppliers, ship owners, politics and science. The aim of the workshop is to bring out how shipbuilding and shipbuilding suppliers can use the current climate and environmental protection-related political challenges as business opportunities, and how maritime environmental protection can contribute to further growth and higher employment in the maritime economy sector. Those interested can register on the SMM website www.smm2008.com.

Environmentally-friendly ship transportation is also the theme at the CIMAC Circle, which is traditionally held at the SMM. 'Efficient and clean ship transportation - what are the technical solutions?' is the official title of the event. The request for technical solutions for economic and low-emission ship transportation should be answered by the discussion on 25 September, in Hall B3, 14.00h – 16.00h, Conference B, Hall 1 – 3 (formerly the Copenhagen Hall). Fred Deichmann, Columbus Shipmanagement GmbH, Hamburg, will manage the event. Registration at www.cimac.com.

The Danish Marine Group will be pursuing a similar aim with its "Green ship of the future" seminar, which takes place at 14.00h on 23 September at the Hamburg Fair site, Conference A, Hall 3.

Environmentally-compatible coating systems will be discussed at the "Marine Coatings" international conference, which takes place on 24 and 25 September, at 09.30h each day, in Conference A, Hall 4-6. The conference is organised by the British MPI Group, in cooperation with the Hamburg Fair, sponsored by the "Drydock" and "Journal of Protective Coatings & Linings" magazines. On environmental protection grounds, coating systems in the maritime sector are currently particularly under the spotlight. Speakers from the coatings industry, from shipyards, shipping lines and approvals institutions will discuss their experiences with new coating systems and future specifications. The programme and registration documents are available at www.marinecoatingsconference.com.

There will be a whole series of lectures on the subject of ballast water during SMM 2008. Hardly surprising, as the new ballast water management regulations – which prohibit uncontrolled exchange of water - are gradually being introduced on ships from January 2009. Back in 2004, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) introduced the "International Convention for the Control and Management of ships' ballast water and sediments" regulations. By 2016, all ships, both new and old, will have to be fitted with a cleaning plant. The dates of the events are available at www.smm2008.com.

Market- and environmentally-compatible developments of this kind can only be implemented by competent engineers. But these are rare. So, for those maritime companies under innovation pressure, the "ThinkING" recruitment advertising promotion comes at just the right time. The promotion for schoolchildren, also at SMM 2008, will be run once again by the Shipbuilding and Offshore Supply Industry working group in the German Engineering Federation (VDMA) and the German Shipbuilding and Marine Technology Federation (VSM), to fire the enthusiasm of the new talent urgently required for shipbuilding. The promotion will take place on Thursday 25 September, 13.30h to 17.00h, and Friday 26 September, 11.00h to 16.00h. At the fair, schoolchildren and their teachers will be offered a programme lasting around 4 hours, during which, as well as a talk and a shipbuilding-related quiz, a guided tour of the fair in small groups is planned as well. Registrations are possible at the VDMA (Renate Plaß, Tel.: ++49 40 507207-16, renate.plass@vdma.org) or at the VSM (Dr. Volker Karpen, Tel.: ++49-40 28 01 52-29, karpen@vsm.de).

All details of the events of the SMM 2008 supporting programme and the best way to get to the Hamburg Fair site are available on the SMM website www.smm2008.com.

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