

# Hydrographic Society Benelux



## Spotlight on Ship Building at Hydrographentag

The 27th Hydrographentag of the German Hydrographic Society (DHYG) was a 'first': the meeting was organised together with the Hydrographic Society Benelux (HSB). More than 90 delegates from Germany and the Netherlands attended the event in Papenburg, Germany.

There were two main topics at the conference. The first session featured three presentations on multibeam echo sounders. The newest - developments for various applications were presented. Making use of interesting examples, the potential of water column mapping and object recognition were put in the spotlight.

The Ems River was the focus of attention for the Wednesday. It became clear what hydrography's contribution is in the safe conveyance of ocean giants from Meyer Werft through the narrow Ems River towards the North Sea, 40km ahead.

The most important event during the two days was an excursion to Meyer Werft. The three-hour visit enabled the participants to observe the construction of a giant cruise vessel and get a first glance at the new research vessel Sonne of which the first parts were being laid.

The participants felt that the event was a great success, and laid ground for improved co-operation between DHYG and HSB in the future.