



New Events and Activities

The ACTs project is progressing well. The 3rd Newsletter was published in May 2015 on MariFuture (see http://www.marifuture.org/Publications/Newsletters/ACT_NewsLetter_Issue_3.pdf) and the project brochure was distributed to partners and will be placed on MariFuture in June 2015. The projects COLREGs scenarios and rules are 80% complete and the internal evaluation is being carried out. Several pilot evaluations of the ACTs COLREGs Course are in the process of being arranged. The UK pilot is expected to be run by the Southampton Solent University late in June 2015. Several papers have been written by partners for publications in conferences and journals.

The MariePRO project will have its third workshop in Malta in July 2015. The partners are also expected to meet at the same time to discuss project and a report on MET programme/syllabus differences, as well as reviewing the work on good practices, particularly with regard to ECVET. The fourth and final workshop is planned to take place in Italy in October 2015; more on this in July 2015 News. The partners have prepared three papers for presentation at the Budapest ECER conference which is to take place in September 2015. The titles and authors' names as originally submitted are:

- **Aerovet: The Challenge Of Integrating European Certificates Into The German Dual System In Aeronautics**
Andreas Saniter (Universitaet Bremen), **Rainer Bremer** (Universitaet Bremen)

National perspective: German with respect to French, English and Spanish

- **MariePRO: The Risk Of Lowering National Standards By Implementing International Standards**
Johanna Vuorenmaa (University of Turku), **Riccardo Antola** (Istituto Tecnico Trasporti e Logistica Nautico San Giorgio), **Daniele Fantechi** (Mediterranean Maritime Research and Training Centre), **Martin Ziarati** (CENTRE FOR FACTORIES OF THE FUTURE LIMITED)

National perspective: Finish, German, Italian, Maltese, English

- **Ecvet: Increasing Mobility Or Fragmenting Holistic Occupations?**
Andreas Saniter (Universität Bremen), **Sari Nyroos** (University of Turku), **Riccardo Antola** (Istituto Tecnico Trasporti e Logistica Nautico San Giorgio), **Daniele Fantechi** (Mediterranean Maritime Research and Training Centre)

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A great number of activities are planned for SeaTALK in June 2015. The partners are meeting in Malmo Sweden, 15-16 June 2015. The partners are expected to attend and WMU is promoting the SeaTALK Symposium on the 17th June which the key stakeholders and project partners are expected to attend. SeaTALK material collection and development is continuing and anyone who wishes to make a contribution can do so by going to the website (www.seatalk.pro) and submitting his/her material as advised in the video provided. All contributions are welcome.



Professor Olof Linden, the acting President of WMU, and Professor Reza Ziarati

Due to revisions of the IMO Maritime English Model Course, which is being carried out with support from SeaTALK project partners, the SeaTALK project may have to be extended so that the latest changes to the IMO Model Course can be incorporated into the SeaTALK course and platform.

It is pertinent to note that while the IMO Model Course 3.17 has not yet been published and it seems that the important Section, considering accidents as far back as Scandinavian Star through to the Costa Concordia, on Ratings, which was supported by MariFuture, has been replaced by a section which only deals with Passenger-crew communications. The reviewers are also making the changes recommended by the HTW sub-committee in February 2015 with proof reading expected to be carried out before the definitive (published) edition is available. So nobody can work with, or rely on any draft versions until the final version is published (late in July or early in August).

One major error in the World Maritime University information regarding this is the word "approve" which should, of course, be "validate" - when an IMO document is validated, it means that the Member States like it! The task then is to make sure that while nothing of the content is changed, it becomes "readable"; the bottom line is that it is not a trustworthy document until it is published.

SeaTALK partners supported the development of the IMLA and IMO revised Model Course 3.17. It was stated in the project proposal when submitted the European Commission that SeaTALK would be in line with the IMO Course. The decision to revise the IMO Model Course 3.17 has taken slightly longer than expected by all concerned. But still it is possible, in the partners' view, to make SeaTALK fully compliant with the IMO revised Course if the project is extended until September 2015. The SeaTALK partners are fully 'au fair' with almost all the changes in the IMO Course, which is more or less in line with the SeaTALK predecessor projects MarTEL and MarTEL Plus concepts i.e. having specific sections for various type and rank of seafarers. A welcome development until the acknowledgement is made that the IMO decided to drop the important section on Ratings and replace it with Passenger-Crew communication phrases. This is unfortunate considering that passenger-ship officer communications are well catered for within the current provisions of the MET community but the Rating aspects are poorly constructed and in some countries totally non-existent.



SeaTALK Project Partners Meeting

IMO's new Model Course is expected to be published late July or early August 2015. To this end, to make sure SeaTALK content fully in line with IMO Model Course, effectively a two-month extension is being sought from the European Commission. This would give the partners the opportunity to support the final phases of the IMO Course development and also to make sure SeaTALK is fully compliant with this new IMO Model Course.

A new initiative will start in July 2015 which has implications for future of MariFuture. Due to confidentiality issues the nature of this initiative will not be made public for the time being.

A summary of all projects can be found in www.marifuture.org. For further information about MariFuture please refer to the MariFuture website.

Best wishes

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