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September and October were very busy times to visit the EU institutions and various maritime organisations. The highlight of these were EU funded BRIDGE and TRECNET final conferences which took place in Turkey and Spain respectively. The EU funded Campus Party was also supported by our Framework 7 ExremeFactories partners. The event took place in London in September 2013 by over 30000 participants. We were pleased to have been party to the event and supporting it by sponsoring many young people to attend it.

September was also the month when we organised several visits to Brussels and Demark. A summary of these is listed below:

- Meeting at EBI (European Boating Industry) with Ms. Mirna CIENIEWICZ, Secretary General
- Meeting at DG MOVE with Mr. Torsten KLIMKE (Head of Unit) and his colleagues
- EU Commission guided
- Meeting at DG MARE with Mrs. Monique PARIAT (Director) and her colleagues
- Meeting with Dr Bülent Bilgiç, Permanent Representative of TOBB + EUROCHAMBRES in Brussels
- Meeting at DG Trade with Mr. Luc DEVIGNE (Head of Unit)
- Meeting with Isabelle Ryckbost, Secretary General, ESPO, European Sea Ports Organisation
- Meeting with Julliette Loppe, EUROCHMBERS and meetings in ECSA (European Community Ship-owners Association)
- Visit to Copenhagen by Professor Reza Ziarati and Dr Martin Ziarati to BIMCO to meet the Mr Torben Skaanild, CEO and Mr Soren Larsen, Deputy Secretary General and COO to discuss specific EU projects and to plan future collaborations.

The outcomes of visits/meetings to the above organisations were presented at the BRIDGE final conference. Dr Basak Akdemir, Executive member of the Board of Directors at Turkish Chamber of Shipping and Professor Reza Ziarati, representing MarEdu, made keynote speeches highlighting the importance of BRIDGE to Turkey and the achievements of the project to date.

In September the International Maritime English Conference (IMEC 25) was held in Istanbul, Turkey. A keynote speech was given by Professor Ziarati, representing, Piri Reis University and C4FF, which will appear as the MariFuture Development Paper for November 2013.

Several papers were presented at the conference by MariFuture partners; these papers will appear in MariFuture, Papers, in October 2013.

The highlight of the month of October was the International Maritime Lecturers Association (IMLA) Conference in St. John, Canada. The first and the last papers, at the conference, were presented by Professor Reza Ziarati, representing Piri Reis University, and several key papers on current projects were written by Dr Martin Ziarati et al (C4FF), Dr Captain Taner Albayrak (Piri Reis University) and Dr Captain Ergun Demirel (Piri Reis University). They were several other papers by MariFuture partners.

A full list and content of the papers presented at IMEC and IMLA can be found in these conferences' websites.