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The first partner meeting for Project MariPro took place in Finland in October.

The evaluation of MET courses in Lithuania was also conducted by two of MariFuture partners (Professor Janusz Urias from Akademia Morska w Szczecinie and Professor Ziarati from C4FF, UK) and Professor François Resch from France. It was noted that the programmes offered in Lithuania were of high quality and the process to evaluate them internally and externally very thorough. There is a great deal to learn from evaluation of MET programme in Lithuania. Permission will be asked from them to publish their practice, as a good example, in one of the MariFuture Development papers in the future.



Photo 1: Viewing the facilities in Lithuania – On the left is Professor Dr Reza Ziarati Chairman (C4FF) and General Coordinator (MarEdu - UK/Turkey) with Mr Prans Stankus, the External Evaluation Coordinator, Centre for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (CQAHE), Lithuania



Photo 2: The External Evaluation Team - From right to left: Justinas Staugaitis, Graduate and Student representative; Mr Tomas Zemaitis, Representative from the Maritime Administration, Lithuanian Government; Professor Dr Reza Ziarati, External Evaluator, UK/Turkey; Professor Dr Janusz Uriasz, External Evaluator, Poland and Professor François Resch, External Evaluator, France.

A site has been found to establish the new Centre of Excellence in Kenilworth, in the UK.



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University of Plymouth University representative, Anna Wuttke, visit Piri Reis University (PRU) to review the arrangements for a specialist to review the resources at PRU which is expected to accredit the non-degree programmes at the University. This will support the acceptance of MarTEL standards by the University which is expected to facilitate the acceptance of the standards by the UK Border Force. This would then enable the students from Piri Reis who pass the appropriate MarTEL standards to progress onto the final year of appropriate degrees offered by Plymouth. All this is very exciting. It is hope that similar progress will be made with regard to commercialisation of SURPASS (and Maider) support by TRANSAS.

MariFuture is in the process of drafting paper on latest challenges facing the shipping industry soon. The draft s expected to appear as the December 2014 MariFuture Development Paper.

The December 2014 Development Paper will include the highlights of a MariFuture joint PhD programme supported by De Montfort University, UK, and C4FF in Coventry, UK. The Paper will emphasis the importance of applying lean practices in shipping companies.

Next news will report on the outcome of the recent IMLA conference in China.

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