



New Events and Activities

It is heartening to note that partners involved with SeaTALK project are also supporting the development of IMO's new Maritime English Model course 3.17. IMLA is doing a good job in supporting IMO in this revision work.

The SeaTALK project itself is near completion and the final conference and partner meeting is scheduled to take place during 15-17 June 2015 at World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmo Sweden. The partners are expected to attend and WMU is promoting the final conference to which all project stakeholders and Maritime English professionals are welcome to attend. SeaTALK materials collection and development are ongoing and anyone wishes to make a contribution can do so by going to the website (www.seatalk.pro) and submitting his/her material as advised. All contributions are welcome.

Due to the revision of the IMO Maritime English Model Course which as is being carried out with support from SeaTALK project partners, the SeaTALK project may have to be extended so that the latest changes of the IMO Model Course can be taken into consideration. The revised IMO Model Course is expected to be ready in July 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 Course.

The ACTs project is progressing well. the 3rd project newsletter will be published in May 2015 on Marifuture and the project Brochure is ready and will be distributed to partners this month. The project scenarios and rules are near completion and an internal evaluation is being carried out as the scenarios are being prepared. Several pilot evaluations of the ACTs COLREGs Course are being planned. The UK pilot will be run by Southampton Solent University in late May or in June 2015. Several papers have been written by partners for publications in conferences and journals.

The MariePRO project will have its third workshop on Malta in July 2015. Partners are also expected to meet at the same time. The fourth and final workshop is planned to take place in Italy in October 2015; more on this in June 2015 News.

A new initiative will start in May 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.

The summary of new 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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