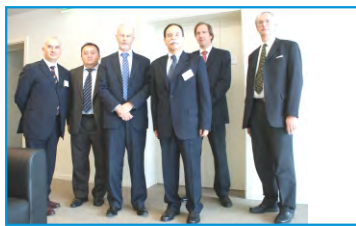


CLEANSEANET DATA CENTRE ONLINE BY END 2010

18 November 2009 saw EMSA host a kick-off meeting for the CleanSeaNet Data Centre (CSN DC). Willem



Willem de Ruiter and Advanced Computer Systems prepare to put pen to paper

de Ruiter, EMSA Executive Director and Roberto Medri, Managing Director of [Advanced Computer Systems](#), signed a contract to develop the CleanSeaNet DC, due to be rolled out in the last quarter of 2010. The CSN DC will be hosted at EMSA, enabling the Agency to manage Earth observation data and to serve up information to CleanSeaNet users in near real-time. Forming a platform for future services in the area of satellite pollution detection, the system's features will include alert, visualisation, dissemination, input and archiving of data.

EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE POOLED AS INVESTIGATORS MEET JUDGES



Judges and accident investigators at the well-attended event

On 24 November 2009, EMSA hosted a symposium on Judicial and Safety Investigations into Marine Casualties, the first of its kind. High level Member State representatives from both judicial and safety investigation authorities attended, debating the issues associated with conducting both types of investigation, in light of the new [Accident Investigation Directive 2009/18/EC](#). Case studies were also provided, to assist participants in preparing the effective implementation of the Directive by June 2011.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH FRONTEX AND CFCA



Three EU Agencies, EMSA, [Frontex](#) (Warsaw) and the Community Fisheries Control Agency ([CFCA](#), Vigo) have agreed to exchange information, expertise as well as explore the joint use of assets: The [agreement](#) will result in an improvement of the control of external maritime borders of the EU (competence of Frontex), an increase in maritime safety (EMSA) and an enhancement of the coordination of fisheries control and inspection activities by the Member States (CFCA).

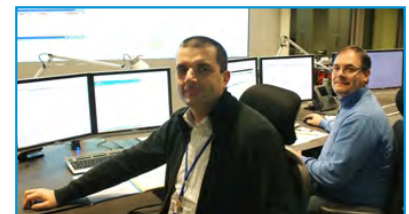


CLAIMS MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES SCREENED

On 8-9 December, EMSA hosted a claims management guideline workshop organised within the framework of the Agency's Consultative and Technical Group for Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response ([CTG MPPR](#)). The workshop brought together EU Member States authorities involved in claims management and cost recovery following maritime incidents. Participants from 21 countries screened the text of the 'EU States Claims Management Guidelines', as initially developed by a working group of six Member States. The participants agreed on a final version, to be published by EMSA. The guidelines will be updated regularly, with future CTG workshops being organised to keep stakeholders fully informed.

MSS LOOKOUT ON NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Konrad Kurpinski (left) and Saverio Macchia (right) were the Maritime Support Services watch keepers for New Year's Eve. Given their previous experience of working at sea and in VTS, they are used to night watches during the festive period. Nevertheless, the size of the "look-out" zone has changed considerably. At Cais do Sodré, and in European waters in general, the first night of 2010 was quiet.



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