

### MOROCCAN CIVIL OFFICERS VISIT EMSA



EMSA Executive Director, Willem de Ruiter (fourth from the left) and Head of Unit Technical Co-operation and Development Emilio Martin Bauza (first from the left) with the delegation from Morocco.

Relations between EMSA and third countries are developing. On 16<sup>th</sup> July, a group of Moroccan civil officers working in the field of maritime safety and security has paid a 1,5 day visit to the Agency. They were informed on operational systems as SafeSeaNet and CleanSeaNet and were given lectures on the different EU Regulations. In return, they provided information on the EU financed twinning project linking their administration with their French counterpart.

### FIRST CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING INSPECTION IN SOUTH AMERICA

A team of EMSA experts visited Uruguay in June in order to conduct an inspection of its maritime education, training and certification system. The inspection included the Maritime Administration (Dirección Registral y de Marina Mercante) as regards Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW)-related activities and three education and training institutions: the Escuela Naval, the Escuela de Especialidades de la Armada and the Escuela Técnica Marítima, all located in Montevideo. Uruguayan seafarers' certificates are not yet recognised at Community level. The inspection report, under preparation, will be the basis for a decision on this recognition. The inspection of the Uruguayan system was followed by Ecuador in July.

### TRAINING COURSES OF CLEANSEANET SERVICE TO END USERS

More than 80 representatives from the operational pollution control authorities of twenty Coastal States, Iceland and Norway, converged on EMSA in June 2007 for the first training series of CleanSeaNet service to end users. The objective of the training was to enable the participants, who typically are

working in operational command centres and on surveillance planes and vessels, how best to incorporate the CleanSeaNet service into daily operations for oil spill detection and surveillance. The first course was for the Baltic Sea Member States and Iceland and Norway (6/7<sup>th</sup> June). The second course was for the North Sea and Atlantic Member States (20/21<sup>st</sup> June), and the final course for the Mediterranean and Black Sea Member States (25/26<sup>th</sup> June). The feedback from the participants on this first training event will be used to define future targeted courses in tailored to the user's specific needs.

### FIRST EMSA STAFF MEMBER TO GET MEDAL



EMSA staff member Michel Percier (right) and French ambassador Patrick Gautrat (left).

On the occasion of Bastille Day (14<sup>th</sup> July), French ambassador in Portugal Patrick Gautrat has decorated our colleague Michel Percier with the French "Ordre national du Mérite". Project Officer for Training and Certification of Seafarers, Michel Percier was previously professor-in-chief and deputy director at Nantes National Merchant Navy School. He was surrounded by family and EMSA friends.

### TEN NEW POSITIONS VACANT

EMSA is currently recruiting for ten new positions (eight temporary agents, one contract agent and one seconded national expert). Deadline for application is 10<sup>th</sup> August 2007. Further details on the positions and how to apply can be found on our website ([www.emsa.europa.eu](http://www.emsa.europa.eu)).

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