

VOLCANIC ASH CLOUD: 0 MR YOSHIDA: 1



Going green: shipping marine waste experts from the ISO Sub Group, captured in the leafy habitat of EMSA's headquarters in Lisbon.

Despite the air traffic interruptions caused by a volcano in Iceland, some members of the [International Organization for Standardization \(ISO\)](#) managed to meet at EMSA on 21-22 April. This was a meeting of the [Marine Environment Protection Sub Group of the Ships and Marine Technology Technical Committee](#) (and you thought *Eyjafjallajokull* was complicated!). The meeting finalised a new standard for managing and segregating garbage on board ships. In addition, new proposals for international standards on port waste reception facilities, and measuring underwater noise from shipping were developed. These will now be sent to ISO members and industry for consultation. The Convenor of the meeting – Mr. Yoshida (photo, 4th from left) of the National Maritime Research Institute of Japan was so determined to make the meeting he took three trains, a boat and a 1,000-mile roadtrip in a Smart car to get from London to Lisbon, via Dover, Paris and Bordeaux.

SEAFARER LABOUR LAW ON THE MENU AT MLC 2006 TRAINING



ILO labour legislation adds an extra dimension to maritime safety. The first training session on the [Maritime Labour Convention \(MLC 2006\)](#) was organised for the benefit of the EU Member States, Iceland and Norway from 19 to 21 April. The MLC was adopted by [International Labour Organization \(ILO\)](#) in February 2006. The new Convention, expected to enter into force by 2012, is seen as the 'fourth pillar' underpinning global maritime safety law, alongside the [SOLAS](#), [MARPOL](#) and [STCW](#) conventions. The MLC 2006 consolidates 37 existing ILO conventions and introduces the obligation for ships of 500 GT or above engaged on international voyages to be issued with a Maritime Labour certificate attesting the compliance with the new international instrument.

KATYN REMEMBERED

The Agency expressed solidarity and sympathy with the Polish people and its 10 Polish staff members, following the Katyn plane disaster. On 12 April, flags were flown at half mast and on 15 April, a minute's silence was held, joined by a Russian delegation visiting EMSA.

A ROSY FUTURE FOR ROs



Class acts: delegates from Recognized Organisations gathered in Lisbon from all over the world.

EMSA rose to the occasion on 15 April to welcome representatives of all the EU Recognised Organisations (ROs, more commonly termed 'classification societies'). ROs are recognised under EU legislation, which allows them to act on behalf of each Member State to carry out inspections on ships flying the country's flag. An EMSA assessment team (Unit B.1.2) continuously monitors the performance of ROs, through a global cycle of inspections. This was the first meeting between all ROs and the EMSA team to discuss technical issues, with delegates from Europe, the Far East and the USA.

PORT OF LISBON GETS MARITIME SAFETY CHEQUE

On 20 April, EMSA Executive director Willem de Ruyter symbolically handed over to Ms Natércia Cabral, President of the Port of Lisbon Administrative Board, a cheque to mark the first payment of the rent for the EMSA headquarters.



EMSA pays the rent for its headquarters.

EU MARITIME DAY IN GIJON, SPAIN

20 May is [EU Maritime Day](#), and from 18-21 May, EMSA will be attending the four-day [EU Maritime Day 2010](#) event in Gijón, Spain, organised by the Spanish Presidency of the EU.

Procurement: 'Safe Platform Study' - Evaluation of regulations and technical specifications of vessels to enter and operate in dangerous atmospheres

Procurement: Provision of maintenance and related services at the premises of EMSA

Procurement: Provision of Testing Sample Representativeness of a Ballast Water Discharge and developing methods for Indicative Analysis.

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