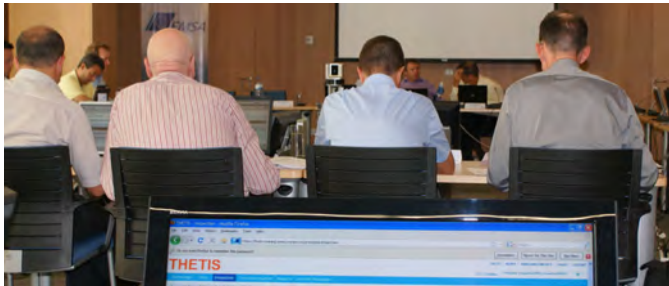


## 'ALL SYSTEMS GO' AS PSC NEW INSPECTION REGIME APPROACHES

The January 1 2011 implementation date for the new Port State Control (PSC) Directive is approaching fast, and so are preparations at EMSA. The Agency has connected its newly-developed THETIS system for Port State Control to SafeSeaNet (SSN). THETIS is now informed as soon as Member States enter a vessel's arrival information into SSN. Three weeks of testing THETIS with 10 Member States were concluded successfully, with user feedback being taken into account in the next phase. During June and August, 39 representatives from all Paris MoU states, including Canada, Croatia and the Russian Federation participated in a week of 'train the trainer' seminars at EMSA. The courses covered the entire PSC procedure as laid out in the Directive. Two further EMSA seminars are planned for September, with an extra session under consideration, enabling EMSA to train another 40 to 60 PSC experts.



Trainees discover THETIS, which shares Port State Control info, and enables better scrutiny of ships as they travel from port to port.

## MISSING DIVER SPOTTED BY EMSA-CONTRACTED VESSEL

'What an amazing feeling that was. My emotions were all over the place', wrote a rescued diver in a recent letter of appreciation to SAR authorities in the UK. After a mayday on 28 May, the EMSA-contracted oil spill response vessel Galway Fisher spotted the diver off the coast of Milford Haven in Wales, before a helicopter plucked him out of the water.

## PIRASAT ON SHOW TO BRITISH MPS

Swapping the Thames for the Tagus, two British Members of Parliament, Mark Pritchard and Brian Binley, visited EMSA on 16 July. They received presentations on the work of the Agency, including EMSA's anti-piracy pilot project, PIRASAT.

## BALEX DELTA OIL SPILL EXERCISE

Poor weather did not hamper the HELCOM BALEX DELTA exercise, which took place this year off Klaipeda, Lithuania on 24 August. The EMSA-contracted vessel OW Copenhagen was the largest among 8 vessels involved, from 8 countries.

## CLEANSEANET EXTENDS COVERAGE ACROSS BLACK SEA



Experts from countries bordering the Black Sea learn how CleanSeaNet can help detect oil spills and catch polluters 'in the act' CleanSeaNet (CSN) is to deliver satellite images to detect illegal discharges in the Black Sea. Coverage of the Black Sea has been made possible through the the European MONINFO project, 'Environmental Monitoring of the Black Sea basin: Monitoring and Information Systems for Reducing Oil Pollution', financed by the European Commission's DG Environment and carried out by the Permanent Secretariat of the Black Sea Commission (BSC). The first countries using this EMSA service under the one-year project are Turkey and Georgia, starting on 1 August 2010. A training session was held by the BSC Permanent Secretariat in Istanbul on 29-30 June to provide the future users with information on the CSN service and how to use it. Training was attended by Turkish, Georgian, Russian, Bulgarian and Romanian participants.

## EQUASIS STATISTICS HIT THE WEB

The EQUASIS Management Unit (based since 2009, at EMSA) will soon be placing its annual EQUASIS statistical publications for 2008 and 2009 on the EMSA website for free download. With input from both industry and regulators, the EQUASIS database provides detailed information on PSC history, class, P&I clubs etc. for all ships of more than 100 gross tonnes. The new publications provide insight into the world's commercial fleet from a safety perspective. The system for producing the statistics has just been modernised, so that the next annual publication, for 2010, will be available early next year.

### ON THE EMSA WEBSITE

**Documents:** Manual on the applicability of oil spill dispersants.

**Procurement:** Development and maintenance of Maritime Surveillance data fusion module.

**Procurement:** Study - development of vessel design requirements to enter and operate in dangerous atmospheres

**Recruitment:** Project Officer for Vessel Traffic and reporting Services (Seconded National Expert).

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