

NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM MARKKU MYLLY



Executive Director addresses EMSA staff at Christmas event

"I thank all EMSA staff for their excellent work and support in my first full year as Executive Director, I wish the whole of the agency and its stakeholders a successful and prosperous new year. In 2013, the agency achieved its objectives successfully. It was a challenging year with far-reaching, long-lasting decisions finalised. EMSA's new 5-year strategy has now been adopted last November, offering a platform for the years to come."

NEW GROUND FOR PASSENGER SHIP SAFETY



An opportunity to take stock of the Floodstand, Goalds and Safeguard projects

Following recent European and international developments to reinforce passenger ship safety, EMSA offered training to a range of people selected by the Consultative Network for Technical Assistance (CNTA). The two-day course went into detail on the latest safety developments. Experts on technical policy making were invited from the EU member states. Participants received updates on the status of the "EMSA 3" safety project and on IMO developments. Presentations on projects such as **Floodstand**, **Goalds** (Goal Based Damage Stability of Passenger Ships) and **Safeguard** were given by experts from the University of Greenwich, NAPA, Meyer Werft and the National Technical University of Athens. At the 8th CNTA meeting last September, it was decided to offer a passenger ship safety course in 2014.

JOINT SSN-LRIT TRAINING SESSION HELD IN OSTEND



Positive feedback for new SafeSeaNet graphical interface

EMSA organised joint training sessions for users of the **SafeSeaNet** (SSN) and **Long Range Identification and Tracking** (LRIT) systems from 10-12 December in Ostend, Belgium.

The aim was to provide training on the latest versions of the systems to a wide variety of users from different maritime authorities in Belgium and the Netherlands. Those attending came from MRCC, VTS, port authorities, port state control, the coastguard and the police. The three-day programme included in depth training on the **EU LRIT Cooperative Data Centre** and on the new SSN modules (i.e. the improved incident reporting framework and the refurbished graphical interface). The attendees appreciated the improved performance of the new SSN graphical interface and its user friendliness, along with the latest information on LRIT.

EUROPEAN SPACE EXPO: EMSA ENTERS THE DOME



Sharing information to the public on EMSA's space-related activities

EMSA is very willing to share information regarding its mission and services to the general public, most especially in its host city. At the beginning of December an opportunity arose when the European Commission came to the Praça do Comércio. A dome was set up as part of the **European Space Expo** under the theme of "Discover what space brings to your life". The organisers invited EMSA to speak at this event. So, presentations were given on **CleanSeaNet** and integrated maritime monitoring services. The exhibition offered the opportunity to find out more about European space programmes – from satellite navigation (Galileo and EGNOS) to Earth observation (Copernicus) – in a highly engaging and entertaining way. Highlights included **OmniGlobe** – an interactive hologram of the Earth's atmosphere, and an impressive model of the Galileo satellite.



ON THE WEBSITE

Careers: Project Officer for Traceca II (Deadline: 20/01/2014); National Experts in Professional Training Notice (Deadline: 10/01/2014)

Procurement: Oil spill monitoring and vessel detection services for EMSA CleanSeaNet (Deadline: 28/02/2014); General communication and publication services (Deadline: 27/01/2014); Housing/Hosting Services for a Business Continuity Datacentre (Deadline: 17/01/2014); Service contracts for standby oil spill recovery vessel(s)