

PRESS RELEASE

“2018 Capital Link Maritime CSR Leadership Award”

Official Award ceremony

Honoring:

Mr. Philippe Louis-Dreyfus,

Chairman - Louis Dreyfus Armateurs S.A.S.;

Former President – BIMCO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018 - AT THE ATHENS HILTON HOTEL

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It is with great success that the [“8th Annual Operational Excellence in Shipping – Best Industry Practices” Forum](#) took place on **Tuesday, October 30, 2018** at the **Hilton Athens Hotel**, attracting 570+ participants. The Forum concluded with the presentation of the **“Capital Link Maritime CSR Leadership Award”**.

The **“Capital Link Maritime CSR Leadership Award”** was initiated 6 years ago aiming to recognize a person or an organization for demonstrating the highest level of commitment to Business Ethics and Best Industry Practices. Previous Honorees were **Mr. Jeremy Penn, Dr. Nikos Tsakos, Mr. Efthimios Mitropoulos, Mr. Clay Maitland** and **Mr. John Platsidakis**.

OFFICIAL AWARD CEREMONY

The **2018 “Capital Link Maritime CSR Leadership Award”** was presented to **Mr. Philippe Louis-Dreyfus**, Chairman - Louis Dreyfus Armateurs S.A.S.; Former President – BIMCO. **Mr. Panagiotis Laskaridis**, President - European Community Shipowners Associations; CEO - Lavinia Corporation/Laskaridis Shipping Co. Ltd., delivered the Introductory remarks.



Mr. Panagiotis Laskaridis in his speech he stated: “We have gathered here today to honor a close friend for many years. When I first met Mr. Philippe Louis-Dreyfus, I wondered who this guy was, always telling me what is right and what is wrong; now I never open my mouth without asking for his opinion first. He has had two distinguished careers, in both banking and shipping, and is a very accomplished person all around.

Among other distinctions, Mr. Philippe Louis-Dreyfus is Commandeur of the Légion d’honneur and Officer of the British Empire. His honesty and perseverance have left a big impact in shipping and he has many friends in Greece. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Louis-Dreyfus, a more than worthy recipient of this award.”



Mr. Philippe Louis-Dreyfus, Chairman - Louis Dreyfus Armateurs S.A.S.; Former President – BIMCO, in his speech he stated: “Greece is traditionally the biggest country in shipping worldwide, given its fleet and presence in all international organizations. Shipping is important in Greece, and Greece is important for shipping. My sincere thanks to Mr. Laskaridis for his kind words, and to the organizers for compliments that are usually only uttered after one’s death. Thankfully, I am still very much alive.

Shipping is one of the oldest professions in the world. For me however, it is also the best one. You get to build something solid, lasting, and meet fine, dedicated and passionate people. Shipping is defined by its values:

Solidarity and family.

Once again thank you to everyone for this prestigious award.”

(Mr. Philippe Louis-Dreyfus’ full speech will be available soon online at: [http://forums.capitallink.com/csr/2018athens/.](http://forums.capitallink.com/csr/2018athens/))

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