

PRESS RELEASE

“8TH ANNUAL CAPITAL LINK OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN SHIPPING – BEST INDUSTRY PRACTICES” FORUM

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

October 26, 2018

Capitalizing on the long established track record of organizing highly successful large scale maritime conferences in major industry centers around the world, the [“8th Annual Operational Excellence in Shipping – Best Industry Practices” Forum](#) will take place on **Tuesday, October 30, 2018** at the **Hilton Athens Hotel**.

With an 8-year track record it is the only Forum that showcases Operational Excellence in the Maritime Sector that explores Best Industry Practices across all major areas such as fleet management, technological innovation, crewing, energy efficiency and the environment, safety & security.

This year’s forum focuses on “The Industry at Crossroads” as the industry has to decide on specific strategies addressing the challenges ahead. Thus, we will focus on three main topics, all of which are game changers for the industry. The first one is the transformational impact of Technology and Digitalization. The second relates to the importance and necessity of Maritime Education. And third one, to which we devote the biggest part of the Forum refers to the upcoming Environmental Regulations and how these can impact the shipping industry from an operational, investment and risk/financial viewpoints. We will deep dive into the three main areas, Ballast Water Treatment, Sulfur Cap and Decarbonization, as well as the outlook for Marine Fuels.

The Forum is featuring senior Executives from **29 leading shipping companies, 3 major classification societies (Bureau Veritas, DNVGL, Lloyd’s Register), the biggest registry in the world - Liberian Registry , IMO - International Maritime Organization, US Coast Guard , the heads of 4 International Organisations (BIMCO, European Community Shipowners Associations, INTERCARGO, INTERTANKO), International Banks (ABN AMRO and DVB BANK), as well as EXXON MOBIL.**

2018 CAPITAL LINK MARITIME CSR LEADERSHIP AWARD

In the context of the Forum the **2018 “Capital Link Maritime CSR Leadership Award”** will be 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., will deliver the Introductory remarks.

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.**

For more information and to register for the Forum, please visit: <http://forums.capitallink.com/csr/2018athens/>.

INDUSTRY PANEL & PRESENTATION TOPICS

Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President of Capital Link Inc., will open the Forum and welcome the participants.

Digitalization & Cybersecurity – Panel Discussion

Technological Innovation - Transforming Shipping

Moderator: Mr. Nick Brown, Marine & Offshore Director – Lloyd’s Register

Panelists:

- Mr. Salvatore d’Amico, Fleet Director - d’Amico Societa di Navigazione
- Mr. Andreas Hadjipetrou, Managing Director - Columbia Shipmanagement
- Mr. Theofanis Sallis, Head of Operations & Technology - Gaslog Ltd
- Mr. Mark Pearson, Managing Director - Maran Tankers
- Ms. Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou, Chief Executive Officer – Tototheo Maritime Ltd

Connecting Ports, Vessels & People

Presentation by: Mr. Andreas Chrysostomou, Chief Strategy Officer – Tototheo Maritime Ltd

Innovative Shipyard Solutions

Presentation by: Mr. Charalambos Sarantitis, Technical Director - Newport Shippin

Protectionism – Diversity – Marine Pollution: BIMCO’s Strategic Focus Looking Ahead

Presentation by: Mr. Anastassios Panagiannopoulos, President – BIMCO; CEO - Common Progress Co Na SA

The Evolving Role of Women in Shipping

Presentation by: Mrs. Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou, President – Wista International; Chief Executive Officer – Tototheo Maritime Ltd

Presentation by: Ms. Angie Hartmann, President – WISTA HELLAS; Crew Affairs – Star Bulk

Maritime Education – Panel discussion

Moderator: Professor Constantine Arcoumanis, ex-Ambassador of Greece for Energy Policy & New Technologies, ex-Vice President - City University of London

Panelists:

- Mr. Leonidas Evgenidis, Chairman – Evgenidis Foundation; Maritime Ambassador of Greece to IMO
- Mr. George A. Tsavlis, Principal – Tsavlis Salvage Group
- Mr. Dimitris Diamantis, Director General - Metropolitan College
- Mrs. Venetia Kallipoilitou, Deputy Managing Director for Human Element and Training - Tsakos Columbia Shipmanagement S. A.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS & THE INDUSTRY’S RESPONSE

Are Regulations Addressing the Real Problems in Shipping?

Presentation by: Mr. John Platsidakis, Chairman - INTERCARGO; Managing Director – Anangel Maritime Services Inc.

An Update on Implementation of U.S. Ballast Water Regulations

Presentation by: Commander Nathan Menefee, Deputy Director of Inspections and Compliance - US Coast Guard

Ballast Water Treatment - Panel Discussion

Moderator: Dr. Michalis Pantazopoulos, Managing Director – Liberian Registry – LISCR (Hellas) S.A.

Panelists:

- Mr. Lee Adamson, Head, Public Information Services - IMO
- Commander Nathan Manafee, Deputy Director of Inspections and Compliance - US Coast Guard
- Mr. Konstantinos Stampedakis, Managing Director - ERMA FIRST ESK Engineering Solutions S.A.
- Mr. Theo Baltatzis, Managing Director – Technomar
- Mr. Loukas Barmparis, President – Safe Bulkers

IMO 2020 – Low Sulfur Cap Compliance: Options, Strategies & Economics - Panel Discussion

Moderator: Dr. George Dimopoulos, Principal Research Engineer - DNV GL

Panelists:

- **Mr. Lee Adamson**, Head, Public Information Services - IMO
- **Mr. Mikhail Shapiro**, Global Head of Marine Fuels and IMO 2020 Implementation – Glencore Energy UK Ltd
- **Mr. Keith Dawe**, Senior V.P., Assets and Structuring Manager - Cargill Ocean Transportation
- **Mr. Dimitrios Vastarouchas**, Deputy Chief Operating Officer - Danaos Corporation
- **Mr. Stamatis Bourboulis**, General Manager - Euronav Ship Management (Hellas) Ltd
- **Mr. Loukas Barmparis**, President – Safe Bulkiers
- **Mr. Nicos Rescos**, Chief Operating Officer – Star Bulk Carriers

Decarbonization – 2020 Marine Fuels & Beyond - Panel Discussion

Moderator: Dr. John Kokarakis, Vice President, Technology & Business Development, Hellenic, Black Sea Region & Middle East – Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore Division

Panelists:

- **Mr. Lee Adamson**, Head, Public Information Services - IMO
- **Mr. Antonis Trakakis**, Technical Director - Arista Shipping
- **Mr. Panos Zachariadis**, Technical Director – Atlantic Bulk Carriers Management Ltd.
- **Mr. Bill Stamatopoulos**, Business Development Manager, SE Europe - Verifuel
- **Mr. Kostas G. Vlachos**, Managing Director - Consolidated Marine Management Inc. & COO - Latsco Shipping

IMO 2020 & Marine Fuels – An Oil Major's Viewpoint

Presentation by: Mrs. Armelle Breneol, Senior Marine Fuels Technical Advisor - ExxonMobil Marine

IMO 2020 – Risk, Finance & Insurance Implications

Moderator: Mr. Nikolaos Michas, Technical Service Manager – DNV GL – Maritime Region South East Europe & Middle East

Panelists:

- **Mrs. Danai Kotsia**, Business Manager & Director Transportation, Global Transportation & Logistics - ABN AMRO Bank
- **Mr. Dimitrios Panagopoulos**, Managing Director, Shipping Finance Greece – DVB Bank
- **Mr. Ilias Tsakiris**, CEO – The American Hellenic Hull Insurance Company
- **Mr. Cem Saral**, CEO – Cockett Marine Oil

Keeping Our Eye on The Ball: Shipping & The Environment - A Realistic & Practical Approach

Presentation by: Mr. George Procopiou, Founder – Dynacom Tankers, Sea Traders - Dynagas

Quo Vadis? – The Industry at Crossroads

Presentation by: Mr. Nikos Tsakos, Chairman – INTERTANKO; President & CEO - Tsakos Energy Navigation

Challenges for European Shipping in a Changing World

Presentation by: Mr. Panagiotis Laskaridis, President – European Community Shipowners Associations; CEO - Lavinia Corporation / Laskaridis Shipping Company Ltd.

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