

Brest, Wednesday 1st August 2007

Dear Sir,

Brest Metropole Océane, with the support of the science park “Brest Iroise”, the maritime cluster, organizes on October 9 to 12 2007 the second edition of its international conference “Safer Seas”, dedicated to maritime safety and security issues.

This event is supported by the IMO, the European Union (European Commission, European Parliament), the French ministers and administrations and numerous professional organizations. It covers a plenary conference, from October 10 to 12, thematic seminars (on October 9 and 12-13), a trade show and poster sessions plus visits of main maritime administrations and research centers situated in Brest.

The particularity of this event is its multidisciplinary approach that provides a complete and updated vision on progress, remaining problems, and potential ways towards safer seas. The plenary conference will therefore cover main regulatory and technical facets of the problem, considering constraints and challenges such as the globalization phenomena, environmental, the environmental and socio-economic ones.

Among the themes selected for Safer Seas 2007, that of new technologies retains the attention of world wide organisations such as IMO on the one end, professional organisations on the other end. ICT could effectively revolution worlds of shipping, fleets and cargos management, coastal surveillance or fisheries. However, if new trends emerge in Europe and overseas, the analysis of the state of the art underlines a still important gap between research potential and operational or regulated solutions, a fact that could certainly be changed if a stronger and larger cooperation between research, and user communities, standardisation and regulation groups could be developed.

The science park of Brest, with its local, European and international partners, organises therefore a thematic seminar on “Maritime ITS”, the exploitation of new technologies for maritime transport, its safety and efficiency. The seminar will provide a critical analysis of research axis and trends, user needs and means to boost the development of what named “e-navigation”, “e-maritime” or “MITS” concepts in maritime transport. This seminar will take place on October 9 and will cover most of the innovation potential currently discussed at international level, by the IMO, the European Commission, the European Space Agency and overseas research networks.

We hope this brief introduction will retain your attention and that Safer Seas will be an occasion for all of us to meet and pursue our efforts towards an international cooperation and standardisation network, “MITS for safer and cleaner seas”, based on expertise an neutrality.

You will find enclosed a detailed program of the conference and the registration sheets. The web site: www.saferseas-brest.org provides otherwise all complementary and updated information and our teams are at your disposal to discuss on your own participation to the seminars, trade show, posters sessions. Don't hesitate to contact us.

We also count on you to diffuse this information by your own partners and contacts; their presence will contribute to create an interesting event and fruitful exchanges for future.

With the hope to welcome you soon in Brest,

Sincerely yours,

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