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## **International Forum on Seafarers' Education, Training and Crewing**

The 4th International Forum on Seafarers' Education, Training and Crewing was held on 20 - 21 April, 2016.

Traditionally, the forum is supported by the International Transport Federation (ITF), International Maritime Employers' Council (IMEC), the Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), the International Association InterManager, the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU), The Nautical Institute of Great Britain, the Institute of Maritime Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST), as well as the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine.

The forum was organised by National University «Odessa Maritime Academy» and the exhibition centre «Odessa House».

Nearly 70 organisations and companies from 17 countries, including maritime educational establishments and training centres, shipping and crewing companies, training simulators and software designers as well as other representatives of the maritime industry participated in the conference and exhibition.

The Anglo-Eastern Company, a leading provider of ship management services to ship owners around the world was the general partner of the forum; TRANSAS Company, is a world-leading provider of high technology equipment, software applications, solutions and services for the maritime industry was the general partner of the exhibition; General Partner of the conference was the V.Ships Company, one of the biggest crewing agencies in Ukraine.

The conference programme included 14 reports at 5 plenary sessions dedicated to the questions of human factor in shipping, cooperation between employers and seafarers, professional development of seafarers, maritime education, practical training and seafarers' knowledge assessment. Besides, three panel discussions and three round tables were organised:

- MLC in action – Seafarers' Feedback; ;
- MET Institutions and Industry Cooperation ;
- Simulator Training as a Most Effective Method for Demonstrating Competence.

and three round tables:

- Seafarers' Refresher Training;
- Seafarers' Fatigue and Documentation Overload;
- Legal Issues of Seafarers' Labour.

More than 150 delegates from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hong Kong (China), India, Isle of Man, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine took part in the conference.

National University «Odessa Maritime Academy» invites all delegates to take part in Presentation of Kongsberg Engine Full Mission Simulator granted by IMEC with the support of Marine Transport Workers ' Trade Union on 22nd of April at 10:00 a.m.

The motto of the Forum is “Partnership for Progress”. Due to partnership, joint efforts of all concerned parties, we will be able to solve the problem of experienced personnel shortage in the world of maritime labor market and provide effective and safety shipping.

