



One Voice, One Platform for Maritime Education & Training

Global MET is an International body of Maritime education and training institutes having 102 members in 33 countries. Recent conference saw very proactive discussions on Attracting New Recruits for sea, Innovation in Education and Empowering trainers to be dedicated mentors.

Global MET was formed to Promote, Develop and Support, in spirit of Co Operation, common interest of its members in all matters concerning the development and quality of Marine education and training. Global MET India Chapter was formally inaugurated on 15th March at a well attended conference titled " **A Rewarding Career at Sea and beyond.. A Challenge for M.E.T.**"

Organized at MTI Training Centre in Mumbai, conference saw participation from Member Institutions from Mumbai, Delhi, Pune, Chennai, Kolkatta and other parts of country and also from Sri Lanka, Singapore and Malaysia.

Inaugurating the Conference, Mr Rod short, Executive Secretary, GlobalMET said, " Apart from Traditional Competency & STCW Training, Maritime Education is poised for an era of growth and diversification with tremendous possibilities emerging in allied sector and also in delivery of Distance Education."

Mr DT Joseph, Former Secretary, Ministry of shipping, echoed the sentiments and said" Vision of Maritime Education in India has to be broadened to include requirement in Port and Offshore sector."

Capt S Bhardwaj, Vice Chancellor, AMET University presented his papers on Topic " Innovation in

Maritime Education: Need to Enhance the scope." He said," Without tremendous growth in various sectors of shipping, there is need for qualified and skilled manpower in Shipbuilding, Ports and terminals, Supply Chain and Logistics, offshore etc. ..This is our Domain and mantle falls on us to provide value added courses for these sectors as well."

Mr AWJ (Tony) Fernandez delivered a high energy, sermonlike, spellbouncing talk on " Empowering Trainers To Be dedicated mentors", some of the Phrases quoted by Mr Fernandez were", **Follow Effective action with quiet reflection. From the quite reflection will come more effective action.**"

" A facilitator supports and empowers others to collaborate and learn. And mentor is one who offers knowledge, insight, perspective or wisdom that is especially useful to the other person."

And saving the best for the last, he said " Maritime educationists and trainers should practice SMILE: Selflessness, Monitoring, Innovation, Listening and Empathy."

Mr George Hoyt,

President, News Link & Director Sea Gull, who has Turned his vision of Making Learning Fun into a reality with innovative blended learning curriculum through daily Shipboard Newspaper and Interactive Computer based tutorials said", I am very passionate about Maritime education and empowerment. I am happy to note that our Newspaper subscription is being billed under safety and Training by Lot of shipmasters." He seemed very impressed by proactive suggestions and sense of urgency among the delegates at doing something worthwhile to improve the profile of Maritime training in India and attract more people out to sea and provide seafarers with a Life long career path. The Conference was also laced with Inaugurating of India Chapter with Capt KN Deboo as its Secretary and Presentation of Life Time Dedication Awards " Honouring Living Legends." (see separate news report)



Honouring Living Legends



At The conference aimed at devising strategies to attract Young people to sea, It was a real emotional moment to see Octogenarians and some men even touching 90 walking tall acknowledging the applause of all gathered.

The Occasion was GlobalMET Conference in Mumbai in March 2008 where 7 Maritime educationists of India were given acknowledgement and reward for their yeoman service to marine Education in India. Global MET presented its second edition of "Life Time Dedication Awards Honoring Living Legends." At a ceremony organize in MTI, Powai. At a Time when Training Institutes are also facing skilled teachers shortage, this recognition of services do provide a fillip to Educationists to mentor their wards to ever growing heights.

Capt MC Yadav, Director, FOSMA, announced the wards that were

presented by Mr. DT Joseph. The Living Legends and Their Profile
 Prof MV Kini : 89 Years : Marine Radio and Telecommunication
 Prof MV kini was in charge of Xaviers Technical Institute's radio Officers Course from 1943 onwards where he continued even after his retirement, In 1987, Marine Radio department of Xaviers was named after KV Kini for the superb services rendered by him. He has authored a book " Traffic Communication for radio Officers" . Recalling One Chance meeting with Pandit JL Nehru who remembered radio Officers of the ships(when travelling, messages of his family and wife illness were delivered by Radio Officers), Pt Nehru had said " India's Hopes of self reliance in Technology sector rests on the shoulder of Young men like You."

That Young Man Mr Kini , now 89, thanked the audience and organizers in a very emotional speech on receiving Living Legend Award.
 Capt Vishwa Nath Kansra : Ex Capt Superintendent, TS Rajendra
 Forever the dependable Prince Charles of Maritime Training in India, Capt VN Kansara has a teaching career spanning 4 decades and had the distinction of teaching on Training Ship Naulakshi, Dufferin, Rajendra, Chankaya and FOSMA centre in New Delhi after retirement.

Affectionate and suave Capt Kansra was present at the function with his wife who has remained solid pillar of support to him during all those years.
 Professor / Dr./ Capt PS Vanchiswar : Founder professor World Maritime University

Capt PS Vanchiswar is a rare combination of Seafarers, Academician, Technocrat and Administrator. He has highest qualification in Marine field as a extra Master's Degree and Doctorate Degree in maritime Administration.

He was Nautical Advisor to Govt of India, Chairman of Committee in STCW 1978 and was awarded professor Emertius of WMU Malmo. He was member of steering committee for setting up a Indian register of shipping and on the advisory committee of Indian maritime University.

Mr KV Hariharan : Academician and Historian
 All of 80 years of age, Mr Hariharan still displays his passion and gusto for writing and teaching. Founder Member of narotam Morarjee Institute ans has written 9 books and various research papers. Many of his books has been included as text books in the curriculum of Management Institutes and Logistics Courses. He is an institution in himself in field of Multimodal Transport system and law and has also written a Book "tory of Scindia" that traces the history of Indian Shipping from 19th century to 1969.

Capt P Kumar, LBS, TS Rajendra
 Capt P Kumar has been a solid pillar in Maritime Education at Ial Bahadur Shastri College, LBS COMSAR, from last four decades. He is well liked for his knowledge, commitment and ever so mentoring attitude. He is the 4th luminary of LBS College and mainstay of this august institution. He is presently co ordinating Extra Masters Course at LBS.

Mr Rajendra Prasad, MERI
 A Graduate of MERI in 1967, he dis MSc in Maritime Education and Training from WMU, Malmo. He is currently a Lecturere and research fellow at WMU and on steering committee of International Maritime Lecturer's Association and has played an active part in formulating New Training schemes for Marine Engineers conforming to STCW 1995.

