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Dear Maritime Expert,

With this letter we want to turn your focus on our 6th international conference on SHIP EFFICIENCY, which will be held in Hamburg on September 25 and 26, 2017.

In recent years with high fuel oil prices, energy saving has been a direct contribution in lowering the burden of fuel oil bills. Nowadays we see a much lower oil price but, around the corner, another obstacle is waiting: “MRV” – Measuring, Reporting and Verification”. This means - at least in the long run - nothing less than the reduction of the CO₂-emission of ships calling at European ports and trading in European waters.

For shore based CO₂-emission sources, there are measures for “Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage – CCS” “under way and we can already see some pilot installations. But this technology is not yet “state of the art” by far and you need not be a prophet to predict that we will probably not see any proven CCS-technology on board ships in the next decade.

Based on the above, for ship owners and ship managers there is only one way to cope with future requirements: reducing the CO₂-emission by reducing the fuel consumption of the vessels. In other words: make your vessel as efficient as possible or you will have to pay the bill.

The German Society for Maritime Technology (STG) has launched this 6th international conference to look for answers to questions concerning improvements in the efficiency of shipping operations and thereby increasing a ship's profitability while considering environmental as well as legislative aspects.

This year the conference program will focus on ship efficiency from an interdisciplinary perspective in the following fields:

- Ship efficiency in a more and more regulated environment
- “Ship Efficiency 4.0” – will the “autonomous vessel” be the solution?
- Energy saving provisions for particular ship types such as container vessels, bulkcarrier, tankers and cruise vessels

Since the conference takes a holistic approach to the entire ship system, it will be of interest to a wide range of experts from the entire Maritime Community:

- Ship Owners/ Ship Managers
- Ship Builders/ Shipyards
- Equipment-Suppliers
- Ship Model Basins
- Classification Societies
- Consultants
- Financial analysts
- Academics
- Investors

For program details and registration information, see attached flyer and the relevant web site:
www.ship-efficiency.org

We are looking forward to welcome you at our conference.

Best regards,



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