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IMO join leading shipowners at Annual Marine Propulsion Conference 2010

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Information & registration: www.rivieramm.com/events

The Annual Marine Propulsion Conference's status as the industry's foremost yearly event dedicated to addressing the marine engineering operational challenges faced by shipowners has received a powerful endorsement with the news that Eivind S Vågslid of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) will present on day two of the conference (March 11).

"We are delighted that Mr Vågslid will be presenting in the opening session on day two," says Annual Marine Propulsion conference chairman Edwin Lampert. "It is a tremendous compliment to our event that in the very busy run up to the next IMO Marine Environment and Protection Committee (MEPC) he is taking time out of an incredibly busy schedule to attend and address the conference."

Mr Vågslid heads the chemical and air pollution prevention section of the IMO Marine Environment Division. He will be speaking in a session titled '2015 – setting the scene' chaired by David Tongue, Marine Manager, International Chamber of Shipping. This session will assess from a range of perspectives where industry is today and what needs to be done to meet pending and anticipated regulations over the next five years.

Mr Vågslid's co-panellists are Jan Otto de Kat, Senior Director, Head of Innovation, Maersk Maritime Technology; Tiedo Vellinga, Director Environmental Monitoring, Port of Rotterdam; and Eddy Van Bouwel, European Regulatory & Environment Manager, ExxonMobil International Services.

A hallmark of the Annual Marine Propulsion Conference is the strong shipowner participation across its technical sessions. This theme has been taken a step further with the introduction of the Shipowner Forum on day one. This will see presentations

and debate from leading technical owners drawn from a cross-section of shipowning companies. Confirmed names here include: Mark Collins, VP Engineering, BC Ferries; Jamal Mayahi, Technical and Shipment Director, National Iranian Tanker Company; Lars Lundegaard, Senior Vice President & Head of Technical Dept, Norden; Ejner Bonderup, President, Lauritzen Bulkers and Dirk Carpentir, chief technical officer, Exmar LNG.

Other confirmed shipowner speakers include Oyvind Toft, Manager, Technical Support, BW Gas; Martina Gallus, Warranty Engineer - Ship Superintendent, Costa Crociere; Bengt-Olof Petersen, Project Manager, Laurin Maritime and Roger Karlsson, Technical Director, Marininvest Shipping. More names will be announced shortly.

Another defining feature of the Annual Marine Propulsion Conference is its outstanding social and networking opportunities. The popular Annual Gala Dinner takes place again on the eve of the first day (March 10). This year the event is sponsored by Castrol Marine. As an official sponsor of the FIFA 2010 World Cup, Castrol will be bringing a distinctive football feel to the evening event, and have arranged for a high profile celebrity from the footballing world to be the evening's keynote speaker. This is proving an especially popular draw among the community.

To register for the 2010 event and find information about the venue, sponsorship, conference format, exhibition, networking and social opportunities, as well as key contacts please visit the dedicated website: www.rivieramm.com/events

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Market feedback on The Annual Marine Propulsion Conference 2009

- “All who attend will be challenged in their thinking and take something away with them that can be applied to improve their own operations or businesses.”
- David Pearson, Director of Engineering & Technology Naval, Rolls-Royce Marine