



Enhancing Security at Sea through Partnerships

Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2009

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The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC), with the Roundtable Group of International Shipping Associations (comprising BIMCO, ICS, INTERCARGO and INTERTANKO) and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) jointly organised the '*Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2009 – Building Partnerships, Enhancing Security*'. The Conference was held during the Singapore Maritime Week (18-24 April 2009) which coincided with Sea Asia 2009.

Garnering an overview of the different perspectives and responses towards piracy and armed robbery from governments, industry leaders, shipping associations, ship owners and operators, maritime industries, research institutes and like-minded individuals, the '*Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2009*' is a significant event that recognises the joint responsibility and multi-agency effort required in combating piracy and robbery against ships. The different perspectives shared during the conference engender common understanding and foster closer cooperation among all parties, to address the real and present challenges to maritime security.

The '*Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2009*' brought together an exciting mix of speakers from both sides of the public and private divide. Captain Hartmut Hesse, Senior Deputy Director of the International Maritime



Organisation's Sub-division for Operational Safety and Human Element, delivered not only the keynote address at the conference, he also spoke on international cooperation and capacity-building efforts in combating piracy. Captain Hartmut Hesse focused on the urgent and serious issues faced not just by the maritime world, but everyone who relies on global trade and the carriage of goods by sea.

Commander Steve Fry of the United Kingdom Royal Navy's Maritime Trade Organisation (UKMTO) shared with the participants of the conference his on-going operational experience in combating piracy and armed robbery off Somalia and in the Horn of Africa. Offering the private sector's perspective and their experience of being attacked at the Gulf of Aden was B+H Equimar's Managing Director, Mr. Steffen Tunge, as well as its Marine Manager, Mr. Weston Fitzgerald.

Dr. Pornchai, the Chairman of the ReCAAP ISC Governing Council, stressed the importance for the ReCAAP ISC to build on its foundation as the information sharing centre to provide objective and comprehensive analysis of the incidents in the Asian region, to serve as a conduit to facilitate the information exchanges among all the stakeholders, and to be the model for regional cooperation for other regions to emulate.

*Please refer to the **Annexe** for more information on the speakers.*

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Background Information

About the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP), and the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC)

The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) is the first regional government-to-government agreement to promote and enhance cooperation against piracy and armed robbery in Asia. It was finalised on 11 November 2004 and entered into force on 4 September 2006. To date, 14 States have become Contracting Parties to ReCAAP.

The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) was established under the Agreement, and was officially launched in Singapore on 29 November 2006. It was formally recognised as an international organisation on 30 January 2007.

The roles of the ReCAAP ISC are to:

- serve as a platform for information exchange with the ReCAAP Focal Points through the Information Network System (IFN);
- conduct research and analysis of piracy and armed robbery incidents to foster better understanding of the situation in Asia;
- and facilitate capacity building efforts.

For more information about RSIS, please visit <http://www.recaap.org/>

About the Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO)

BIMCO is an independent international shipping association, with a membership composed of ship owners, managers, brokers, agents and many other stakeholders with vested interests in the shipping industry. The association acts on behalf of its global membership to promote higher standards and greater harmony in regulatory matters. It is a catalyst for the development and promotion of fair and equitable international shipping policy. BIMCO is accredited as a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), holds observer status with a number of United Nations organs and is in close dialogue with maritime administrations, regulatory institutions and other stakeholders within the EU, the USA and Asia. The association provides one of the most comprehensive sources of practical shipping



information and a broad range of advisory and consulting services to its members.

About the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)

ICS comprises/represents national ship owner associations worldwide, and is an international trade association for the shipping industry, representing all sectors and trades. It is involved with issues of maritime affairs, shipping policy, legal and technical matters, including ship construction, operation, safety and management, and developing best practice in the industry.

About the International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO)

INTERCARGO has, since 1980, represented the interests of owners, operators and managers of dry cargo shipping and works closely with the other international associations to promote a safe, high quality, efficient and profitable industry.

About the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO)

INTERTANKO is the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners. INTERTANKO has been the voice of independent tanker owners since 1970, ensuring that the oil that keeps the world turning is shipped safely, responsibly and competitively.

Membership is open to independent tanker owners and operators of oil and chemical tankers, i.e. non-oil companies and non-state controlled tanker owners, who fulfil the Association's membership criteria. Independent owners operate some 80% of the world's tanker fleet and the vast majority are INTERTANKO members. As of January 2009, the organisation has 270 members, whose combined fleet comprises some 3,100 tankers totalling 249 million dwt. INTERTANKO's associate membership stands at some 300 companies with an interest in shipping of oil and chemicals.

INTERTANKO is a forum where the industry meets, policies are discussed and statements are created. It is a valuable source of first-hand



information, opinions and guidance. INTERTANKO has a vision of a professional, efficient and respected industry that is dedicated to achieving safe transport, cleaner seas and free competition.

About the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) was inaugurated on 1 January 2007 as an autonomous School within the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), upgraded from its previous incarnation as the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), which was established in 1996.

The School exists to develop a community of scholars and policy analysts at the forefront of Asia-Pacific security studies and international affairs. Its three core functions are research, graduate teaching and networking activities in the Asia-Pacific region. It produces cutting-edge security related research in Asia-Pacific Security, Conflict and Non-Traditional Security, International Political Economy, and Country and Area Studies.

The School's activities are aimed at assisting policymakers to develop comprehensive approaches to strategic thinking on issues related to security and stability in the Asia-Pacific and their implications for Singapore.

For more information about RSIS, please visit <http://www.rsis.edu.sg/>



Annexe

List of Speakers

Captain Hartmut G. Hesse
Senior Deputy Director
Sub-Division for Operational Safety and Human Element
Maritime Safety Division
International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Captain Hesse studied chemistry at Bonn University from 1969 to 1971. He joined the German Merchant Navy in 1971. In 1975 he obtained his Master's Certificate and stayed at sea until 1977.

On coming ashore he worked for the same shipping company he sailed with in its Dangerous Goods Department until 1985. He then moved to London as a Container Ship Operator and representative of that company in a multinational consortium until 1990, when he was called back to Headquarters in Hamburg to help set up a new operation.

In 1991 he joined the IMO Secretariat as a Senior Technical Officer in the Cargoes and Facilitation Section of the Maritime Safety Division and was appointed as Head of that section in 1995.

In August 1999 Captain Hesse was appointed as Head of the Navigation Section in the same Division and following the incorporation of the Maritime Security responsibilities in the IMO Secretariat duties, he has been appointed to head the relevant new Section as Deputy Director.

With the restructuring of the Maritime Safety Division in 2004, Capt. Hesse was appointed Senior Deputy Director and heads now the Sub-Division for Operational Safety and Human Element.

Yoshiaki Ito
Executive Director
ReCAAP ISC

Mr Yoshiaki Ito is the first Executive Director of the ReCAAP ISC. His key responsibilities include overseeing the daily operations of the first multinational governmental agency on combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia.

Mr Ito has been with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Japan) since 1979 and has represented the Government of Japan on several regional multilateral fishery management commissions. He was also involved in establishing new



international fisheries organisation on Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). From 2003 to 2006, Mr Ito was the Minister at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations based in New York where he participated in various UN conferences relating to the Law of the Sea, small islands' development and maritime environmental issues.

Wang Cheng
Secretary General
Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF)

Mr Wang Cheng has been appointed as a Secretary General of the Asian Shipowners' Association since October 2007. Before this appointment, he was a Director of the shipping division in China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company (COSCO), Beijing. Mr Wang has been in the shipping world since 1988 and has a good and vast knowledge in the shipping fields. He is particularly experienced in dealing with shipping issues that concern the commercial laws. He has build up a widespread and sincere network with many key players in the maritime industry and those who know him personally find him amiable, helpful and resourceful.

Dr. Pornchai Danvivathana
Chairman
ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre Governing Council

Dr. Pornchai Danvivathana is the Deputy Director General of the Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs (DTLA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Thailand). Dr. Pornchai has been with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Thailand) since 1980 where he held various appointments including Attaché (1980-1984), Consul of Royal Thai Consulate General in New York (1984-1989), Director of Treaty Division of DTLA (2001), Minister Counsellor of Permanent Mission of Thailand to the WTO (2001-2004), and Director of Legal Affairs Division (2005-2006).

Dr. Pornchai has held some professional qualifications such as Former Associate Judge (Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court, Thailand); ASEAN Coordinator for Emergency Safeguards Measures (Working Party on ESM, WTO, Geneva); Chairman of WTO Committee on Safeguards in Geneva; and Chairman of Working Group on Remote Sensing 2000 Legislation (Office of the Research Council, Thailand).

Not withheld by his busy schedule, he takes time for teaching laws relating to international trade, international investment, international environmental law, international law and international relations, international criminal law, diplomatic and consular law, private international law, public international law, intellectual property, as well as current international legal problems, law of treaties, law of the sea and introduction to Thai law, among others.



In 2001, Dr. Pornchai published two publications, titled:

1. International Trade and Environment Law (Thai version)
2. International Criminal Law (Thai version)

Dr. Pornchai has been the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) Governor for Thailand since 2007 and is appointed as the Chairperson for the ReCAAP ISC Governing Council with effect from 28 February 2009.

Dr. Peter Swift
Managing Director
INTERTANKO

Dr. Peter Swift was appointed Managing Director of INTERTANKO (The International Association of Independent Tanker Owners) in February 2001. INTERTANKO represents the interests of more than 250 oil and chemical tanker owners and a further 300 associate members from related companies.

Peter Swift is a member of the Committee (Advisory Board) of the Green Award, Rotterdam, Chairman of the European Committee of the Korean Register and a member of the American Bureau of Shipping and Director, the Maritime Industry Foundation

For 24 years he worked for the Royal Dutch/Shell Group where he held a series of senior positions including: General Manager for Shell International Trading and Shipping Company; Area Coordinator for East and Southern Africa; General Manager of the Australian LNG Ship Operating Company; and Group Naval Architect responsible for oil, gas, coal and offshore shipping. Immediately prior to joining INTERTANKO he was a Director of Seascope Shipping Limited, a leading London Shipbroker, where he was responsible for Projects and Business Development.

Peter Swift graduated as a Naval Architect in the UK and after a brief spell in the shipbuilding industry obtained a doctorate from the University of Michigan where he was a visiting lecturer and Assistant Director for Marine Transport Economics. He is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects and a Member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

Torben Skaanild
Secretary General
BIMCO

When returning to BIMCO in April 2008, Torben Skaanild brings more than 30 years' experience in international shipping, holding executive positions in Canada, Denmark, Hong Kong, Thailand and The Philippines.



Career path includes various positions with The East Asiatic Company Ltd., Secretary General of BIMCO and Director of World-Wide Shipping Group. On his return from Hong Kong in 1995, he established Skaanild & Partners ApS, providing management consulting in the areas of company reconstruction, turn-arounds and strategic planning, building up a very international client base.

In some measure, as he returns to BIMCO as Chief Executive Officer, Torben faces the same challenges as before. The image of shipping, environmental issues and BIMCO's role as a spokesperson on the international maritime arena plus modernising BIMCO's headquarters, in terms of both business practices and IT technology are again a priority.

Above all, he believes that the shipping industry must be professional in its business outlook and must present itself in a more positive fashion than it has done in the past. He intends to ensure that BIMCO leads the way.

Tony Mason
Secretary General
International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)

Tony Mason is Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and of the International Shipping Federation (ISF), having taken up those positions on 1st October 2006.

ICS and ISF are the principal international trade association for the shipowners and employers. Their membership comprises national shipowner associations, who between them speak for around two thirds of the world's merchant tonnage.

Previously, Tony had worked in the liner shipping industry for over 30 years. He was a Director of P&O Containers Ltd from 1991 to 1996. On the formation of P&O Nedlloyd in 1996, he was appointed Director, North/South trades and held that position until 2000, when he became Director, Corporate Strategy, until the company was acquired by Maersk in 2005.

He has had extensive experience of working for the industry on regulatory matters, having previously been a director both of the European Liner Affairs Association and the World Shipping Council.

Aged 57, Tony graduated from University College Oxford, and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport.