INTERTANKO – Out and About

INTERTANKO’s Hellenic Mediterranean Panel offers Members a regional meeting place to discuss the issues of the day. At the lunch break during the October meeting in Athens, members met and ‘talked tankers’.

February 2009 – Stuart Walker from IMT (ExxonMobil), Captain Howard Snaith, INTERTANKO’S Marine Director, Simon Church from Wilhelmsen Shipping in the Joint Operational Centre (JOC) holding the EUNAVFOR Mission Statement, whilst all three were on secondment as “Merchant Navy Liaison Officers” (MNLO) with EU NAVFOR’s Maritime Security Centre – Horn Of Africa (MSCHOA) based at NATO’s Headquarters at Northwood in the UK, assisting with the fight against piracy around the Gulf of Aden, the Horn of Africa and off the Coast of Somalia.

June 2008 – Tim Wilkins, INTERTANKO’s Environment Manager and Asia-Pacific Regional Manager, at China’s Dalian Maritime University with DMU’s David Yang, Deputy Director, International Cooperation and Exchange. In a lively two hour session at the University’s East Hill Campus, Tim provided postgraduate students and lecturers with an overview of INTERTANKO, the tanker industry, and the international challenges for shipping, as well as engaging in wide-ranging discussions.
January 2009 saw an extremely productive meeting between the International Pilots’ Association (IMPA), the American Pilots’ Association (APA) and INTERTANKO in Washington DC to discuss issues of mutual interest to improve maritime safety. The candid and frank dialogue and the progress made was instrumental in strengthening the trust between INTERTANKO and IMPA/APA and will lead to further cooperation. From left to right: Clay Diamond (Deputy Director of the APA), Paul Kirchner (Executive Director of the APA), Joe Angelo (INTERTANKO’s Deputy Managing Director), Captain Mike Watson (President of IMPA and also President of APA), Nick Cutmore (Secretary General of IMPA), Captain Nigel Adams (Chairman of INTERTANKO’s Pilotage Working Group) and Fredrik Larsson (INTERTANKO’s Marine Manager).

INTERTANKO’s North America Panel meeting in March 2008 was delighted and honoured to welcome U.S. Democratic Congressman Elijah Cummings, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. He focused on his concerns with the U.S. Coast Guard’s implementation of its Deepwater Program and enhancement of its Marine Safety Program. He also gave some first-hand insight into the Democratic Party’s drive for presidency! Cummings is seen here (right) with the Panel’s Acting Chairman, Jack Robinson, VP Marine Operations at OSG and Joe Angelo, INTERTANKO’s Deputy Managing Director.

INTERTANKO’s Istanbul Tanker Event in April 2008 – at the informal party on the first night close to 300 members and guests gathered at the spectacular Esma Sultan on the edge of the Bosphorus to discuss our industry with old friends and to meet new tanker people.