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ITMMatters is the official electronic newsletter of the Institute of Transport and Maritime Management Antwerp (ITMMA) of the University of Antwerp. It aims to provide, involve and interest readers covering a wide variety of topics. Areas in this edition include a rich palette of past, present and future events and activities of the institute.

Dear reader,

You received the last issue of ITMMATTERS less than a month ago. But we have good reasons to publish a new issue today. ITMMA recently concluded the academic year 2006-2007 during its 11th graduation ceremony. It was a year full of challenges for both our students and our staff. The summer is at our doorstep. Time for us to look back on a successful academic year, but also to get everything ready for another exciting ITMMA year. A few days ago, we had the honor of presenting our market report on the European seaport industry for several hundreds of high-level EU policy makers, representatives of port authorities and the broader European port community during the Annual Conference of the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) in Algeciras.

This issue dives deeper into these and other highlights of the past month. But, we also provide more information on future activities.

Kind regards,

The ITMMA staff

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■ Eleventh graduation ceremony

On May 29, ITMMA organized its eleventh graduation ceremony. This year, ITMMA welcomed 53 students from 16 countries for the M.Sc. program in Transport and Maritime Management (MTMM), the M.Sc. program in Transport and Maritime Economics (MTME) and the Pg.Dip program in Transport and Logistics Management (Pg.Dip. TLM).



Part of the ITMMA classes of 2006-2007

In his word of welcome Prof. Dr. Theo Notteboom, President of ITMMA, underlined the importance of ITMMA in Antwerp's university and business environment. The past academic year was marked by some crucial administrative steps in the further development of ITMMA. It has also been a year in which ITMMA has strengthened its links with its partners within the Antwerp maritime education cluster. At the same time, ITMMA is venturing into the world by intensifying our cooperation with government agencies, universities and organizations in far away countries such as Chile, South Africa, the US, China, Korea and Singapore, but also many nearby countries in the expanding EU. ITMMA's research activities have seen a steady growth in the past year. ITMMA organized several short-term specialized courses and trend-setting events during the past academic year.



Theo Notteboom addressing the audience



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The keynote speech was given by Capt. Laurentiu Mironescu, Member of Romanian Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly Council of Europe and ITMMA alumnus of the MTMM program 2001-2002. In his presentation, Capt. Mironescu elaborated on the role of Romanian ports and Constantza in particular in an expanding Europe. With a growth of 33% in the first of four months of 2007 and similar growth last year, container traffic in Constantza is booming thanks to the transport policy of Romania and a high interest of global terminal operators APM Terminals and DP world. Constantza now serves as a hub for the Black Sea region. Already 85% of the container traffic in Constantza is bound to markets in the Black Sea region (Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova). These developments prove the existing gateway ports to the European Union are now complemented by a new gateway in the East.



Capt. Mironescu elaborating on Romanian ports

■ Awards ceremony

The 'Ahlers Award 2007'

During the graduation ceremony, Mr. Wim Daems (HR Manager of Ahlers) granted the Ahlers Award 2007 to Mr Nguyen Thai Hoa (Vietnam) for his excellent results (magna cum laude) for the MTMM program and his thesis on establishing feeder services in Vietnam.

Ahlers is a logistic and maritime service provider operating in Europe, Asia and CIS/Baltic. The liner agency - founded in Antwerp almost a hundred years ago - had developed over the years into an international group with an established place in the markets in which it operates. Ahlers is headquartered in the port of Antwerp and is present in 16 countries with more than 700 employees.



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The 'De Lloyd Award 2007'

Each year 'De Lloyd', publisher of newspaper De Lloyd/Le Lloyd and magazine Transport Echo, awards a prize of 2,500 Euro to an ITMMA graduate. Mrs. Miranda Keuters, Managing Director of the De Lloyd, handed over the De Lloyd Award 2007 to Mr. Steven De Jaeger (Belgium) for his excellent results in the MTMM program (summa cum laude) and his thesis on 'The terminal portfolio of global terminal operators - the PSA International case'.



Mr. De Jaeger receives the 'De Lloyd Award 2007' from Mrs. Keuters

■ ESPO and ITMMA publish first market report on the European seaport industry

The European Sea Ports Organisation and the Institute of Transport and Maritime Management Antwerp (ITMMA) presented at the ESPO conference in Algeciras last week an extensive market report on the European seaport industry. The report is the first product of the co-operation agreement ESPO and ITMMA concluded last year. It contains a comprehensive and practical overview of the major developments and trends in the container, roro, conventional and bulk market segments of European ports. It furthermore provides clear insight in the policy implications for European port authorities.



ESPO Chairman Giuliano Gallanti strongly commended the work of ITMMA: 'I would really urge the European Commission to carefully study this excellent report as it clearly demonstrates that the European port sector is generally well-performing and in good health. It stresses the need to refrain from strong legislative intervention, but to focus on guidance, clarification and best practice instead. In that sense the report forms the perfect companion to the recommendations we made to the Commission for their future port policy.'

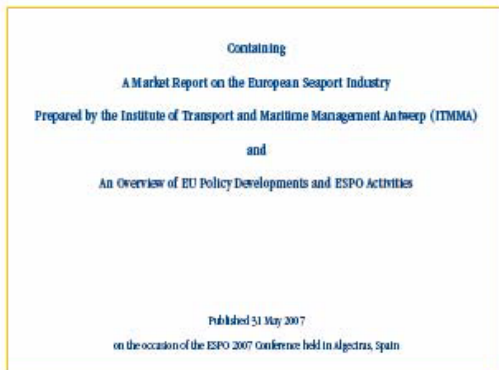


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The Algeiras conference of ESPO coincided with the closure of the Commission's consultation exercise on a future EU policy for seaports. More than 250 representatives of the sector attended the conference. The conference was concluded with a keynote address by EU Transport Commissioner Jacques Barrot on the preparation of the Commission's Seaport Policy Communication which is expected to be published in October this year.

The ITMMA market report is part of the ESPO 2006/2007 Annual Report and is available in pdf format from the ESPO website www.espo.be. Printed copies can be ordered from the ESPO secretariat (mail@espo.be).

■ Award from the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)

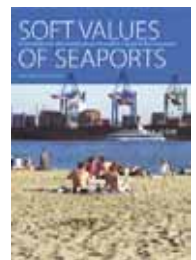
Celebrating the 25th World Ports Conference in Houston, the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) organized an Open Essay Contest for all staff of all IAPH membership in all countries. Winners of the open contest were Mr. Hadi Karimi from Iran with a paper on 'Job Satisfaction at Ports' and Prof. Theo Notteboom of ITMMA with a paper on 'What New Roles are Expected of a Port Authority as a Landlord in the Context of Global Competition'. The latter paper discusses the new roles of port authorities with respect to supply chains and with respect to the community.



The International Association of Ports and Harbors was founded in 1955. For more than 50 years, IAPH has steadily developed as the leading organization in the global maritime industry. Headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, the IAPH comprises representatives from more than 400 ports and top executives from major industry corporations in nearly 90 countries around the world.

■ Looking back on the international conference on the public image of ports

On May 16, the European Institute of Maritime and Transport Law (EIMTL) in cooperation with ITMMA organized an international workshop on the restoration of the Public Image of Ports. ESPO and EFIP were among the many supporting organizations. The aim of the workshop was to put the restoration of public support for ports on top of the political agenda. This objective would appear to fit in perfectly with the ongoing consultation processes organized by the European Commission which lay the foundation of tomorrow's EU port and maritime policies. The conference was attended by some 150 people from all possible disciplines, including - besides the traditional sector representatives - architects, museum directors, heritage experts, tourism operators and waterfront developers. ITMMA gave a presentation on 'The economic impacts of the negative public image of port'.



At the end of the day, conference initiator and EIMTL Chairman Eric Van Hooydonk - who just published a new book on the "soft values" of seaports - Patrick Verhoeven (ESPO), EFIP President Willy Robijns and EFIP Secretary General Diane Chevreux signed a declaration calling upon EU institutions to encourage sector-driven initiatives for the restoration of the



public image of ports within the framework of future port and maritime policies as well as inland waterways policy development. The joint declaration was presented to Mr. Jean Trestour of the European Commission who had earlier underlined the need for public opinion to support the development of European ports.



The signing of the declaration

More information on the outcome of the conference will be come available at <http://www.eimtl.eu/events.aspx>.

■ Upcoming event: ITMMA supports Confor conference on inland terminals

After a successful and much acclaimed kick-off edition in Duisburg 'The European Conference and Exhibition on Inland Terminals' launches a second issue of the event, the aim of which is to promote this particular phenomenon in the world of transport and logistics. As such it will again highlight the advantages of inland terminals in Europe and will report on both official and private accomplishments to enhance the use of these multimodal logistical platforms.



The Port of Antwerp is the main sponsor of this conference & Exhibition. ITMMA will support this event together with Buck Consultants International, ALFAPORT Antwerpen and VIL. For more information about the event, please visit the conference website www.inlandterminals.com.

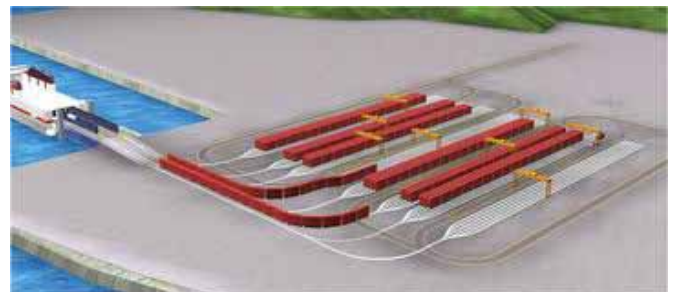


■ Guest seminar on container terminal automation

On May 21, Dr. Larry Henesey gave a guest seminar on 'Port and Container Terminal Automation'. The objective of the seminar was to disseminate current state-of-the-art on methods, techniques and tools in automation in ports and special emphasis on container



terminals. Dr. Henesey shared the interesting work that he is doing at TTS Port Equipment AB. They are introducing a new system for handling containers for APM TERMINALS, such as the new terminal in Virginia. The concept is to use a cassette system (which uses a type of container platform) from which containers can be transported either single or double stacked, temporarily stored and perform the function as a "floating buffer". Dr. Lawrence Henesey is a university lecturer and researcher at the Department of Systems and Software Engineering, Blekinge Institute of Technology (B.I.T.) in Karlshamn, Sweden. He also works part-time with TTS Port Equipment AB in Gothenburg. Dr. Henesey graduated with a MSc. in Transport and Maritime Management from ITMMA in 1999.



■ De Lloyd becomes media partner of ITMMA

Since 2004, ITMMA provides articles on a regular basis to De Lloyd in the framework of a cooperation agreement. The cooperation between ITMMA and De Lloyd/Le Lloyd, the leading Belgian newspaper on transport and logistics, was renewed and extended recently. In light of the new agreement, De Lloyd has become the official media partner of ITMMA.



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■ ITMMA at events in Belgium and abroad

You could have met ITMMA team professors as speakers or (session) chairs at the following events:

- International Forum on Policy and Management in Shipping, Ports and Airports (IFSPA'07), Hong Kong Polytechnic University, 10-12 May 2007
- NECTAR 2007 Conference, University of Porto, Faculty of Engineering (FEUP), Porto, 9-12 May 2007
- Symposium for Value Added Zones at the Port of the Americas, Puerto Rico, May 2007
- Alumni day University of Antwerp on the deepening of the river Scheldt, 14 May 2007
- International Conference on the Restoration of the Negative Public Image of Seaports, Antwerp, 16 May 2007
- ESPO Annual Conference 2007, Algeciras (Spain), 31 May-1 June

ITMMA Classes of 2006-2007: Thank you for having sailed with us !



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- Research and publications
- Events and conferences

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