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## FONASBA Announces Winner of the Inaugural Young Ship Agent or Broker Award

FONASBA is very pleased to announce that the winner of its first Young Ship Agent or Broker Award is Renan Queiroz of Wilson Sons Ltda., Brazil (*pictured below*). A Highly Commended certificate was also awarded to Aleksandar Obucina of Agent Plus D.o.o. of Serbia.

The Award was introduced earlier this year with the aim of encouraging members of the ship agency and ship broking profession aged 40 or younger to further their academic and practical training and education by researching and writing a thesis-standard paper on a maritime-related subject of their choice.

The Award attracted seven entries and these were reviewed and judged by a small committee headed by former FONASBA President and Honorary Member Gunnar J. Heinonen of Finland. Announcing the winner, Mr. Heinonen said "My colleagues and I were extremely impressed by the standard of the entries, which was consistently high across all the papers and we congratulate Mr. Queiroz and the other entrants on an excellent effort. The number and level of the entries in this first year has proven the concept of the Award and we hope to build on this encouraging start next year and beyond".

FONASBA President Glen Gordon Findlay said "I congratulate Renan Queiroz and the other entrants for having participated in the award and for submitting such excellent papers. FONASBA is committed to encouraging the development of education and training across its membership and the wider ship agency and ship broking professions. This award, together with the other initiatives FONASBA has introduced recently, will ensure that education and training remain one of our core activities for the future. The Award prizes were sponsored by FONASBA Club Members ITIC and BIMCO and we are extremely grateful to both organisations for their generous support".

The other entrants for the 2015 Award were:  
Diego Aguero, Agencia Maritima NABSA (Argentina)  
Giulia De Paolis, Bulk Mare Srl (Italy)  
Luisa Mastellone, Marinter Shipping Agency Srl (Italy)  
Nils Reinhardt, UCA, United Canal Agency GmbH (Germany)  
Frédéric Van Mechelen, MSC Belgium NV (Belgium)

*Right: Renan Queiroz,  
Winner of the 2015 FONASBA Young  
Ship Agent or Broker Award*



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### **About: FONASBA**

FONASBA is the only organisation representing the global ship agency and ship broking professions. Established in 1969 it now has members in 50 countries, including all major maritime and trading nations. Its remit is to “promote and protect the professions of ship agency and ship broking worldwide”, a task which it undertakes through dialogue with its member associations and its consultative status with IMO, UNCTAD, UNCITRAL and the World Customs Organisation, as well with the European Commission and other regional bodies. FONASBA also enjoys reciprocal memberships with the Baltic Exchange, BIMCO, INTERTANKO, the International Port Community Systems Association, indemnity insurer ITIC and the Shipbrokers’ Register and works closely with all other maritime sector bodies, both internationally and in Europe. [www.fonasba.com](http://www.fonasba.com)

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