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## FONASBA Announces Winner of the 2017 Young Ship Agent or Broker Award

FONASBA is very pleased to announce that the winner of its Young Ship Agent or Broker Award for 2017 is Niklas Soltow of SCA Logistics GmbH of Germany (*pictured below*).

The Award was introduced in 2015 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 six entries this year and these were reviewed and judged by a small committee headed by former FONASBA President and Honorary Member Gunnar J. Heinonen of Finland and supported by Charlotte Kirk FICS, Marketing Director of prize sponsors ITIC and Capt. Jakov Karmelić, FONASBA's Vice President for Education. Announcing the winner, Mr. Heinonen said "My colleagues and I really appreciated Mr Soltow's entry, it was just the type of paper we looked forward to receiving. It was an excellent presentation of the present and provided so much food for thought for the challenging future. We congratulate him and indeed the other entrants for their high quality papers. All the entries again this year have proved that the concept of the Award is a good one. We will continue to build on the experiences of the first three years to develop the Award to make it even more interesting to the growing number of young ship brokers and ship agents who represent the future of our profession". Mr Heinonen also expressed FONASBA's gratitude to prize sponsors BIMCO and ITIC for their ongoing support for the Award.

This year FONASBA also made a Highly Commended award to Katy Aldrick of Seaforth (Kenya) Ltd., for her paper on the threats and opportunities facing small independent shipping agents in East Africa.

Thanking FONASBA for his Award, Mr. Soltow said "My most sincere thanks for awarding me first prize. I am truly honoured and looking forward to receiving it. I would also like to thank FONASBA for hosting this event and for all the efforts they make to offer this award annually. I think it is a wonderful way to sustainably encourage professionalism of young people to take up actively the challenges of our industry. It was a pleasure and a great opportunity for me to participate in this event and I'm sure others will benefit from this event as much as I have."

The other entrants for the 2017 Award were:

Diego Agüero, Agencia Maritima NABSA S.A.,  
Argentina

Tomislav Blažević, Jadroagent Zagreb,  
Croatia

Luiza Coli, Orion Rodos Marítima e  
Portuária, Brazil

Robert Miyawa, WEC Lines, Kenya



Right: Niklas Soltow,  
Winner of the  
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FONASBA is the only organisation representing the global ship agency and ship broking professions. Established in 1969 it now has members in 56 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, the Comité Maritime International, INTERCARGO, 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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