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PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION

Dear Members,

We are reaching the end of 2022, and 2023 is around the corner. It is time to stop to think, see all the good and bad things that have happened during the year and make a balance. And for sure, rebuild the hopes, wishes, plans and dreams for the New Year!

Last October, we had our Execom meeting in London again, the first since 2019. It was a very productive meeting where many issues were discussed, like the action plan for the following years, the reorganization of our Secretariat, a new communication plan, and others, some of which are covered in more detail in the following pages. I hope that you will soon see some results from the work we are doing.

But now it is time to be with our families, friends and loved ones sharing these festivities.

I would like to wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, with health, prosperity and peace in every corner of our world, those who are near us and those who are far away.

With my best personal regards and wishes,

JAVIER E. DULCE, PRESIDENT

**As we approach the end of another year,
may we take this opportunity to
wish all our readers Compliments of the
Season and our very best wishes for a
healthy, happy, and prosperous 2023!!**

FONASBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the time the last Newsletter was issued, the position of Vice Chair of the Ship Agent Committee remained vacant.

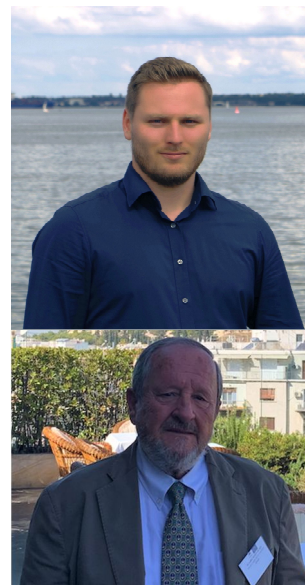
We are now pleased to advise that Niklas Soltow of Germany was nominated to the role by Committee Chair Simone Carlini MICS and duly endorsed by the Executive Committee at its meeting in October.

Members will remember Niklas as the third winner of the FONASBA Young Ship Agent or Ship Broker of the Year Award in 2017. He is currently General Manager and Head of Training at Sartori & Berger, based in Kiel.

Also joining the Committee as a co-opted member at the invitation of President Javier Dulce, is Julio Carrasco, President of the Spanish association ASECOB. Julio is the CEO and owner of his family company, P&J Carrasco, which has operated from Villagarcía de Arosa in Galicia since 1894.

We look forward very much to their contributions to the work of the Committee during the rest of this term.

*Pictured left from
top:
New Executive
Committee
members
Niklas Soltow and
Julio Carrasco*



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The new Executive Committee met in person for the first time since its election on Monday, 17th October and, in another first, at FONASBA's new offices at the International Chamber of Shipping in London.

The Committee (pictured below) worked through an extensive agenda that included the FONASBA Action Plan, (see page 3) and the virtual Council Meeting called to attend to the Federation's financial obligations as a result of the Annual Meeting having been held in May rather than October.

During its virtual meeting, attended by 22 Members, Council approved the:

- Formal Accounts for 2021/2022
- Budget for 2022/2023
- Membership Fees for 2023/2024 and
- Appointed the Auditors for 2022/2023

The next meeting of Council will take place on Wednesday, 18th October 2022 during the Bahrain Annual Meeting.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on Tuesday 7th March 2023, again at the International Chamber.



FONASBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 2022 - 2024

As mentioned briefly on the previous page, one of the headline topics on the agenda of the October Executive Committee meeting was the development of an action plan to guide and drive FONASBA's development during the term of the Committee.

The plan covered the activities of the Regional Vice Presidents, the Standing Committees and the Secretariat, our Education provision, communications and the Annual Meeting.

A summary of the main points of the plan is provided below. As FONASBA President Javier Dulce said at the start of the Executive Committee discussion however, this is a live document and will be subject to change during its currency as other developments take place.

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS:

Increase communication with new Members, identify and encourage applications from new members, support and encourage participation in FONASBA initiatives such as the Quality Standard, Port Procedures Survey and use of Agency Agreements. Establish FONASBA as the voice of the ship agency and broking sectors worldwide.

SHIP AGENT COMMITTEE:

Identify value-added initiatives for ship agents, support the continued development and use of the agency documents, enhance and update the Port Procedures Survey, organise at least one webinar a year.

SHIP BROKER COMMITTEE:

Identify value-added initiatives for ship brokers, create and circulate a calendar of ship broker events worldwide, organise at least one webinar a year, establish FONASBA as the authoritative voice for the international ship broking community.

ECASBA:

Strengthen relations with both European Commission Directorates General of relevance to the Members and other European associations, speak jointly with other organisations or separately on issues of importance to the membership, participate in events such as the European Shipping Summit and organise an annual ECASBA European seminar, update, maintain and ensure the continued relevance of the ECASBA Position Papers (see page 7).

EDUCATION PROVISION:

Continuously monitor and review FONASBA's

education provision and identify and address gaps by working with member associations, regularly review the Young Agent & Broker Award to ensure it attracts high-quality papers, provide background briefings on related subjects such as Environmental, Social & Governance strategies, review available EU funding for eligible projects.

INSPIRING OUR FUTURE

Continue to review emerging trends in digitalisation and automation, for example blockchain, artificial intelligence and machine learning, as they impact on FONASBA Members, review and update them on new developments in electronic documentation and data interchange, extend the Committee's remit to include environmental and sustainability issues.

ASSOCIATION BEST PRACTICES:

Collect and exchange information on new developments and best practice in association operations and organisation, continue to promote best practice through presentations at Annual Meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Review FONASBA's internal and external communications with a view to enhancing messaging and increase awareness of FONASBA's activities, values and benefits, improve its social media presence, update and increase the frequency of newsletters, improve communication with potential new members, secure FONASBA's participation in international events.

ANNUAL MEETING

Increase the value of the event and thereby the number of participants, ensure high-level participation from the host association, review options for remote participation, promote networking and ensure value for money.

SECRETARIAT:

Review and enhance the Secretariat staffing, restructure internal data management, use enhanced tools for surveys and other actions requiring Members' input, maintain FONASBA's external relations, improve contact with Members.

The Executive Committee are now further developing the broad topics summarised above. As the plan is developed, further information on the actions and initiatives will be circulated to Members.

2022 ECASBA EUROPEAN SEMINAR HELD IN ATHENS

ECASBA's first European seminar since March 2020 was held in Athens on 24th October, hosted by the International Maritime Union.

FONASBA President Javier Dulce joined with delegates from Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain and representatives of the host country for the one-day event.

As is customary when the ECASBA seminar is held in a member country, the programme was split between an overview of the current issues under consideration in Brussels and a session directly addressing issues of concern to the host country.

The morning session, hosted by ECASBA Chair Marco Tak, started with him introducing the new ECASBA Advisory Panel, providing an update on the revised ECASBA Position Papers and previewing the ECASBA Action Plan. The latter forms an integral part of the overall FONASBA Action Plan for the current Executive Committee term (see page 3).

He was then followed by General Manager Jonathan C. Williams FICS and Brussels Representative Frank Janssens who summarised recent developments in:

- Customs and VAT
- The European Maritime Single Window environment project
- Immigration and visa issues and the
- European Shipping Summit 2023

The ECASBA session was completed by a presentation by Vice Chair Jean-Pascal Bidoire on recognition of ship agents, including a summary of the current status of the initiative in France, where AMCF has made good progress.

Each agenda item during the morning session was followed by open and active dialogue and exchange of views between the presenters and the delegates.

IMU President Antonios Venieris hosted the afternoon session on issues of interest to the Greek maritime sector. Having opened the discussions with his own presentation on the impact of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme on shipowners, Venieris then introduced colleagues from the:

- Hellenic Chamber of Shipping
- Hellenic Ports Association
- The Piraeus Container Terminal
- The Piraeus Port Authority and
- Maronidis & Associates, a leading law firm

Again, an active discussion between speakers and delegates followed each presentation.

The final session of the seminar was a discussion panel featuring FONASBA Ship Broker Committee Chair Fulvio Carlini FICS and the Honorary President of the Hellenic Shipbrokers Association, Capt. Nick Pentheroudakis. The discussion covered a wide range of topics, from the importance of personal communication in the market to the symbiotic relationship between ship brokers and ship agents, in particular the value to brokers of agents providing detailed information on ports and cargoes in the lead up to a fixture.

As is by now traditional, the seminar concluded with a dinner, held at the Piraeus Sailing Club, allowing delegates, IMU members, speakers and guests to network.

The seminar was a huge success and ECASBA thanks the IMU for their support and hospitality.

Copies of the presentations are available from the Members' Area of the website.

The next seminar is expected to take place in Spring 2023 and be linked to the European Shipping Summit being held in Brussels. Further information will follow as soon as it becomes available.



QUALITY STANDARD (www.fonasba.com/fonasba-initiatives/fonasba-quality-standard)

Two new applications for accreditation have been received and approved since the last Newsletter and we are very pleased to welcome Marítima Dominicana (MARDOM) of the Dominican Republic, and Aldebaran Shipping Services, of Venezuela, to the Standard and congratulate them on their success.

Their awards mean the FQS is now operational in 47 countries, namely: Algeria, Argentina, the ABC Islands (Aruba, Bonaire & Curaçao), Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Dubai, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Uruguay, the USA and Venezuela.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, BIMCO's new GENCON 2022, the latest version of the most commonly used charterparty in maritime transport,

includes a direct reference to the Quality Standard in clause 26, relating to the appointment of agents, thereby bringing the Standard to the direct attention of shipowners and operators, charterers and brokers and increasing demand for agents approved to it. It is also referenced in UN/CEFACT Recommendation 45, Minimum Standards for Ship Agents and Ship Brokers and the FONASBA/BIMCO Agency Appointment and General Agency Agreements.

We would therefore encourage all those associations not yet covered by the Standard to review the appropriate minimum criteria and begin the process of developing their own. Full information on the requirements and criteria can be downloaded from the FQS webpage, the address of which is shown above.

Different criteria apply to Associate members and accreditation to ISO 9001 is a pre-requisite for approval. Those meeting that requirement should apply to the Secretariat for further guidance.

EDUCATION (www.fonasba.com/education-and-training)



We are pleased to announce that the winner of the FONASBA Young Ship Agent or Ship Broker of the Year Award for 2022 is Nicolas Henrique Marques Esperança de Souza, of Wilhelmsens Port Services in Santos, Brazil. Nicolas therefore becomes the second Award winner from Brazil, following in the footsteps of

Renan Queiroz, the first winner in 2015. Nicolas' paper was entitled "A Technical Analysis of the Key Element Behind Ship Operations: Husbandry Services, Under the Remote Centralization Scope", which Award Review Committee Chair Aziz Mantrach described as "explaining the central themes from both a theoretical and practical perspective". The Committee was also "particularly interested in the hypothesis that the Remote Centralization of Husbandry Services (RCHS) would be the revolution for husbandry services coordination, utilizing scale advantage and introductions to new digital solutions, ensuring effectiveness". Our congratulations go to Nicolas on his well-deserved success in the 2022 Award. The 2023 Award will open early next year and further details will be circulated to Members.

We would also remind Members that FONASBA's

suite of education programmes now comprises the following online courses:

The FONASBA Agent Diploma: An entry-level course for new entrants to the ship agency sector, hosted by ASBA in the USA

The FONASBA/ACB Liner Shipping Transportation Course and the FONASBA/ACB Tramp Shipping Course, both are modular courses tailored to those working in the tramp and liner sectors. In addition, the FONASBA/ACB Ro/Ro Shipping Course is a Spanish-language course designed for those working in the Ro/Ro sector. All three are hosted by ACB, the Barcelona Ship Agents' Association.

The FONASBA Certificate in the Fundamentals of Shipbroking Course: An introductory course for those new to shipbroking or who want to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the profession, hosted by the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers

The Agent Diploma and Shipbroking course run continuously but the ACB courses operate at set times, which are notified to Members in advance.

Further information on all these courses, and those offered by other Member associations, can be obtained from the website, see the link above.

EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS

POLICY ACTIONS

EES/ETIAS:

The delays to the introduction of both EES and ETIAS are ongoing and the current expected entry into service (EIS) dates are May 2023 for EES and September the same year for ETIAS. The delays stem from the ongoing difficulty in getting carriers to register with DG-HOME.

A recent examination of the companies registered with DG-HOME showed that less than 1,000 transport operators across all modes were registered, with the vast majority being airlines. Less than 200 of the companies covered road and maritime, but it does appear all the major cruise lines are already signed up. Rail operators are not required to register.

In addition to the ongoing technical issues relating to processing arriving cruise passengers, a new concern has also arisen recently affecting time sensitive transport, for example airlines and short duration road, and ferry routes. Whilst the issue with cruise passengers concerns the physical ability to process all the passengers at their first port of entry to the EU without delay, the time sensitive transport issue relates to the system having the capacity to receive and process passenger information and issue clearances in the limited timeframe available. Whilst all transport modes could be affected, the issue is particularly acute on short duration cross-border road and ferry routes where passengers can turn up, purchase a ticket and travel without prior notification. Self-evidently, delays in processing passenger data could result in passengers being denied entry to the EU. This issue is receiving priority attention from DG-HOME.

ECASBA is represented on the Carrier Working Group by Jesper Sebbelin FICS, with ECASBA Vice Chair Jean-Pascal Bidoire and General Manager Jonathan Williams also monitoring developments.

EXIT STAMPS FOR SEAFARERS:

Following the issue of guidance by DG-HOME recommending that the validity of visa exit stamps should be extended to a maximum of ten days, it appears that most Member State authorities are taking a pragmatic and practical view of the issue and reports indicate that this issue has largely been resolved.

We will continue to monitor developments and take appropriate action should the need arise. Any associations requiring ECASBA's support on this

issue should contact the Secretariat.

CUSTOMS UPDATE:

As mentioned in the ECASBA seminar report on Page 4, Brussels Representative Frank Janssens gave a detailed presentation on current developments in EU customs policy. The full presentation is available from the Members' Area of the website but in summary, the main points were:

UCC Implementation:

Delays in development of national specifications for UCC customs reporting systems for arrival and presentation notifications (AN and PN), temporary storage declarations (TS) and Import Control System 2 (ICS2), are preventing traders from introducing their own systems with the result that several Member States have already formally requested derogations (permission to delay implementation) beyond the EIS for ICS2 planned for the maritime sector in March 2024.

New Computerised Transit System (NCTS):

Implementation of Phase 5, which aimed to align NCTS with the UCC requirements, was expected in early 2021 but will now be rolled into Phase 6 (alignment with ICS2) which is expected to be introduced in early 2025.

EU Customs Single Window Environment:

Political agreement has been reached between the Commission, Parliament and Council on the proposed Regulation establishing the customs single window. The proposal is now subject to formal adoption, following which DG-TAXUD will start preparing the necessary legislative formalities. It is then expected that the intergovernmental arrangements will be in place in 2025 and business to government participation will follow thereafter.

Wise Persons Group Report:

The Group, looking at challenges facing the Customs Union, have identified ten major issues that require addressing by 2023 to ensure the effective operation of the Customs Union, of which the following have been identified as important for ECASBA members:

- Enhancement of data collection and the development of the IT tools necessary to close any gaps, and improving data sharing within customs and related agencies, including market surveillance authorities

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- Moving from a transaction based system to system based
- Coordination of customs procedures and uniform implementation of rules and sanctions to ensure an effective EU-wide customs environment
- Tightening procedures for non-compliant or dangerous goods
- Promoting customs contributions to the Green Deal
- Ensuring adequate investment in customs resources
- Coordinating European legislation to provide appropriate legal support and guidance to authorities and users

EMSWe (Single Windows/Vessel Reporting):

With legal certainty being given to Member States by means of the necessary Delegated and Implementing Acts, they can begin preparing national systems for the expected EIS date for their systems in August 2025. It is expected they will issue tenders for the development of their national systems within 2023 to be ready to communicate with the core European Maritime Safety Authority (EMSA) systems the following year. At the same time, EMSA is currently preparing the core system to allow connectivity testing with Member States in 2023.

Member States are also expected to start discussions with local economic operators in 2023/2024 to ensure that machine-to-machine and web-based interfaces will be in place and tested before the August 2025 go live date.

ECASBA is represented on a number of DG-MOVE High Level Steering Groups and technical sub-committees by Jesper Sebbelin, Capt. Peter Langbein and Bastian Güttner.

As always, ECASBA monitors and addresses the work undertaken on all these issues at European Commission level. At the same time however, that work is mirrored by similar actions undertaken at Member State level and it is vital that ECASBA national associations engage fully with national authorities to ensure that the local measures do not adversely affect their members. Whilst legislation introduced by a European Regulation restricts interpretation more than that covered by a Directive, there is still a degree of subsidiarity in both, and appropriate oversight by national associations is therefore necessary at all times. More detailed information on all the topics mentioned above has

been circulated to ECASBA members and their active engagement is encouraged at national level.

ECASBA POSITION PAPERS:

One of the first tasks of the new ECASBA Advisory Panel was to review, and where necessary amend, the Position Papers to ensure they remain relevant, up to date, and accurately reflect the current ECASBA position on the issue concerned.

The Panel carried out the review during its first meeting of the new term, which took place in Athens prior to the October seminar.

At that meeting, it was agreed that the papers were still relevant and accurate, but it was necessary to change the names of the responsible Advisory Panel members. The papers have since been circulated to ECASBA members and are available for download from the Members' Area of the website. The current papers are listed below, together with the nominated Panel members:

- Harmonisation of Border Controls - General: Marco Tak, Hilde Bruggeman
- Customs Procedures: Hilde Bruggeman, Frank Janssens
- E-Maritime, Single Windows, Digitalisation: Jesper Sebbelin, Botond Szalma, Antonio Belmar da Costa
- Recognition of Agents: Jean-Pascal Bidoire, Antonio Belmar da Costa
- Schengen Area - Border Visas for Seafarers/ EES: Jesper Sebbelin, Vito Totorizzo



MEMBERSHIP NEWS (www.fonasba.com/fonasba-member/fonasba-membership-list)

Since no new members have joined FONASBA this month, we are taking advantage of this space to report on activities and developments from across the membership. We hope the reports will be interesting, informative and possibly inspiring, and we would ask Members to send similar reports on their activities to the Secretariat for inclusion in future editions. Photographs are of course also very welcome.

CROATIA

The Association of Ship Brokers and Agents of Croatia (ASBAC) celebrated the 30th anniversary of its founding, and its membership of FONASBA, at a ceremony in Rijeka on 28th October. The association was founded in April 1992 and almost immediately applied for membership of FONASBA and ECASBA, such was the desire of the members of the new association to apply European values to the local ship agency and broking sectors and therefore to benefit from ECASBA's work on relevant files.

At the ceremony, ASBAC President (and FONASBA Education Vice President) Capt. Jakov Karmelić reminded the participants, including high ranking representatives of the Croatian maritime sector, of the active participation of his late predecessor Dr. Vojislav Borčić in the work of FONASBA, ECASBA, and the establishment of the MABSA Range Committee in the mid 1990's, and also the organisation by Past President Miljenko Tudor of the FONASBA Annual Meeting in Opatija in 2008.

FONASBA President Javier Dulce acknowledged ASBAC's anniversary, and its role in FONASBA since 1992, in a letter to the association (see right).



Wednesday, 26 October 2022

Capt. J. Karmelić
President
The Association of Shipbrokers and Agents of Croatia
RIJEKA

Dear Jakov,

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Executive Committee and members of FONASBA, to congratulate ASBAC on the 30th anniversary of both its founding and joining our Federation the same year.

The association's commitment to representing the interests of the ship agency and ship broking sectors in Croatia since 1992, and its desire to join and be active within FONASBA and ECASBA less than six months after its foundation, amply demonstrate its support for its members and for the development of our profession. Since then, ASBAC has played a significant role in FONASBA, both by your predecessors as President Dr. Vojislav Borčić and Miljenko Tudor, and yourself in your current role of Education Vice President and IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador. The role of Dr. Borčić in early days of the Mediterranean & Black Sea range committee and of Miljenko in hosting the Annual Meeting in Opatija in 2008 remain strong in our memories and are further evidence of your support for FONASBA. We look forward to that support continuing over the next 30 years and beyond.

We know that ASBAC will be marking this milestone with a special Annual Meeting on 28th October and wish you an excellent celebration and all the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely,

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DENMARK

Danish Shipbrokers and Port Operators (DSPO) has recently inaugurated its new shipping network, the DSHV Shipping Club.

DSPO has its own state-recognized shipping education, which provides shipping trainees with a two year apprentice contract in a shipping company in Denmark. These trainees are also educated in the theoretical aspects of the shipping industry through a 7 week course in Esbjerg, Denmark.

The trainees are provided with a general view on all sectors and duties in the shipping industry. Benefitting from DSPO's partnership with Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, the ICS Introduction to Shipping material has also been integrated into the course. In addition to teaching them about the shipping sector, one further advantage of having the students working together on a full time basis, allows them to be educated about International Transport & Logistics through evening classes. The full time residential course also provides opportunities for personal networking, which is expected to continue after completion of the course through their membership of the DSHV Shipping Club.

Once the students have graduated the course, their achievement is marked at an excellent reception in our office building "Industriens Hus" in Copenhagen, we then offer them free membership of the DSHV Shipping Club.

The Club offers a network to allow educated shipping people keep contact, and ensures that as an industry we keep track of an important human resource. We provide them with our ongoing membership newsletter, and invite them to an annual social get together in Copenhagen. Furthermore, we offer them personalised career advice and give them access to our LinkedIn profile to assist with their career development. They are offered membership discount on the Tutorship courses issued by the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers and organised through our secretariat.

Contact Jesper Sebbelin jese@di.dk for more information.

GREAT BRITAIN

GENCON 2022 WEBINAR

The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers hosted a very successful webinar on the new BIMCO GENCON charterparty on Wednesday 14th December that was also generously made available to FONASBA members. We are very grateful to ICS for opening it to our members.

The webinar was moderated by ICS Membership Committee Chair Ms. Gertrude Ohene Asienim FICS and the speakers were BIMCO GENCON 2022 Sub-Committee Chair John Weale and Sub-Committee member (and FONASBA Ship Broker Committee Chair) Fulvio Carlini FICS.

Around 250 delegates participated in the webinar, during which John Weale and Fulvio Carlini went through the main terms of the new charter, and the differences between it and its predecessor, in detail. The discussion generated an enthusiastic response from the audience, resulting in some in-depth questions.

The webinar recording is now available for offline viewing using the following link and pass code:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/R0R7g8HMOh75ZU0mk5JTh00og-NsMyDslns96Y9eVmmJ2xEqGi-Y4XgtWlwtAIOf.Ei8PdoA_MJrKIGrt

Pass Code (case sensitive): Dx5%D6bl

Despite running for more than 90 minutes, there was scope for it to continue longer and for more questions to be asked. Fulvio Carlini has therefore offered to receive any further questions from webinar participants, to which he and John Weale will respond. Questions should be sent to the Secretariat.

NEW ONLINE COURSES LAUNCHED

ICS is also launching a series of online courses that start in January 2023 and run through to May. Information on the courses can be found at: <https://www.ics.org.uk/online-academy/on-your-marks>



JORDAN

Staying with education, the Jordan Shipping Association organised a training course entitled “Handling Dangerous Goods within the latest methods” at its training centre in Aqaba from 21st to 25th November. The course was led by association Chair (and FONASBA Regional Vice President for the Middle East and South Asia) Dr. Dureid Mahasneh and included in its speakers the President of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone and the General Manager of the Port of Aqaba. Association General Secretary Capt. Mohamed Dalabieh also participated.

Whilst the course was originally organised for employees of the port of Aqaba, JSA also invited four employees of the ports of Beirut and Tarabulus to attend. Following completion of the course, the 28 participants received certificates of attainment from Dr. Mahasneh (*see below right*).

Following the success of the course, the Jordan Shipping Association plans to organise further education initiatives on subjects including public safety, security and quality control in order to enhance the Port of Beirut's performance.



MEXICO

AMANAC 35th ANNIVERSARY:

On 6th August, AMANAC President Norma Becerra hosted a reception to celebrate the association's 35th anniversary. The event was attended by government officials, national authority representatives, AMANAC members and the Secretariat staff.



DAY OF THE SHIP AGENT:

The Mexican Interior Ministry hosted a ceremony on 14th October, to mark the official recognition of the Day of the Ship Agent and its inclusion in the Calendar of Commemorations, Remembrances and Celebrations Linked to Civil Society Organisations. Our congratulations go to AMANAC on securing official recognition of the Day of the Ship Agent in Mexico.



AMANAC CONGRESS 2022:

The association hosted its 26th Annual Congress at the port of Ixtapa Zihuatanejo from 29th September to 1st October, with FONASBA President Javier Dulce in attendance.



EDUCATION:

Despite the ongoing consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, AMANAC continued to carry out training courses for the maritime, port and foreign trade sector, managing to train more than 3,900 people in 2022.

NETHERLANDS

VRC, the Port of Rotterdam Ship Agents Association, recently donated €100,000 to the development of a new Port Experience Centre in the port.

The centre, which will be built by the Port of Rotterdam Authority, aims to connect young people from the region with the port, both as a career choice and to underline its economic importance. The new centre will replace the existing facility, which opened in 2009 and welcomes over 110,000 visitors a year. The new centre will be constructed at the Maasvlakte 2 terminal at the entrance to the port. It is expected to open in the first half of 2024.

Further information on the project can be found on the Port of Rotterdam website at: www.portofrotterdam.com/en/news-and-press-releases/havenbedrijf-rotterdam-bouwt-nieuw-centrum-over-de-haven

Right: An artists' impression of the new Port Experience Centre, courtesy of the Port of Rotterdam



POLAND

The Polish Shipbrokers' Association held a joint celebration with the Port of Gdynia on 29th November to mark both the 30th anniversary of the association in its current format and the centenary of the port.

The association was originally founded in 1929 but was not active from 1939 to 1946 nor from 1952 to 1992. The association joined FONASBA immediately upon its reformation in March 1992.

The port of Gdynia was founded in 1922, just four years after the country gained independence.

Marking the joint anniversaries, FONASBA President Javier Dulce wrote to association President Jacek Tymiąski and Port of Gdynia President Jacek Sadaj to congratulate both organisations on their achievements.

Pictured right, Jack Tyminski (centre) and Jacek Sadaj (right) with the FONASBA President's letter projected on to the screen.





POLSKI ZWIĄZEK MAKLERÓW OKRĘTOWYCH
THE POLISH SHIPBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

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POLSKIEGO ZWIĄZKU MAKLERÓW OKRĘTOWYCH
THE POLISH SHIPBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

**Kontynuujemy
polską tradycję morską**
We continue Polish maritime tradition



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