Dear Reader,

The electronic newsletter of the Laboratory for Maritime Transport (LMT) of NTUA is issued regularly to inform you regarding our current and forthcoming activities. You are warmly encouraged to visit our website (www.martrans.org) for further information and to contact us about your enquiries. Your feedback will be highly valued. Kind regards.

The LMT staff

SuperGreen project: Promotional events

TRANSit International Intermodal Freight Transport Open Conference

For the first time in its 15-month life, the SuperGreen project was presented to a Greek audience. On April 1, 2011, George Panagakos of LMT presented preliminary SuperGreen results during the “International Intermodal Freight Transport Open Conference”, organised by the Design, Operations & Production Systems (DeOPSyS) Lab of the University of Aegean in the framework of the TRANSit project financed by the INTERREG MED programme. The conference that took place in Athens attracted policy makers, carriers, forwarders, public authorities, private companies, and other stakeholders.

International Ports and Hubs Trade Show and Symposium

By sheer coincidence and a couple of weeks later, Harilaos Psaraftis presented the SuperGreen project in another Athens conference, the International Ports and Hubs Trade Show and Symposium, organized by New Genesis SA.

Balkans Intermodal & Logistics Conference

Dimitrios V. Lyridis of LMT participated in the Balkans Intermodal & Logistics Conference organized on June 13-14, 2011, in Sofia, Bulgaria, where he also presented the results and expected outcome of the SUPERGREEN project.

SuperGreen at SoNorA events

SoNorA (South North Axis) is a 40-month transnational cooperation project financed by the Central Europe Programme of ERDF that aims at helping regions across Central Europe in developing accessibility in South North direction, between the Adriatic and Baltic seas. An integral and important part of SoNorA is the University Think Tank, a network of universities and transport scientists which, through the organisation of a series of conferences, provides methodological support to the project and reviews its core output.

Dimitrios V. Lyridis of LMT participated in an event that concerned knowledge management with clustered projects, where interim project results were presented and which was organized in the frame of SoNorA, which took place in Venice, Italy, on May 19-20, 2011. There he gave an overview of the SUPERGREEN project with emphasis on benchmarking of Green Corridors and the presentation instigated a lively discussion and caused a lot of interest.

The 8th SoNorA University Think Tank Conference, held on June 16, 2011 in Szczecin, Poland, was devoted to Transport and the environment, sustainable transport, and green corridors. George Panagakos of LMT presented the SuperGreen project and focused on the expected effects of identified changes in the operational and regulatory environment on the development of green corridors.

SuperGreen in Trondheim

At end of May, the SuperGreen project held a pleasant two-day sequence of internal meetings in Trondheim, Norway, hosted by partner Marintek. The first day was dedicated to Work Package 5 (recommendations for R&D calls) and the second day was Project Management Committee meeting No. 5.

Dinner in Trondheim. Left to right: Humberto Moyano, Rolf Sandberg, Ilkka Salanne, Atle Minsaas, Valerio Recagno, Rachid Berd, Dimitris Lyridis, Harilaos Psaraftis, Even Ambros Holte, Aud Marit Wahl
Mark your calendar: Next SuperGreen workshop is in Genoa, Italy, 12 September 2011

Preparations are under way for the second plenary SuperGreen workshop, to be held in Villa Pagoda in Genoa, Italy, on September 12, 2011. The workshop will be kindly hosted by SuperGreen partner D’Appolonia.

This will be the first SuperGreen workshop after the 4th regional workshop in Sines last March, and will provide an opportunity to present progress on the project, including benchmarking methodology, Key Performance Indicators, Green Technologies and ICT systems. A discussion among representatives of key stakeholders and among the audience will also take place.

More details of the workshop, including provisional programme and registration details can be found at this link: http://www.supergreenproject.eu/aewsgenoa2011.html

IMO FSA Expert Group

Professor Psaraftis attended an FSA Expert Group meeting held at IMO headquarters on May 9-10, just prior to the 89th session of IMO’s Maritime Safety Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to review the FSA study on general cargo ship safety, submitted by IACS. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Koichi Yoshida of Japan (see photo below).

Mare Forum keynote

Professor Psaraftis delivered the keynote address at the Blue Shipping Summit 2011 organized by Mare Forum in Athens in early June. The title of his talk was “Sustainable shipping: parallel tracks that cross”. The presentation can be downloaded from the LMT web site by visiting this link: http://www.martrans.org/documents/2011/MAREFORUM%202011%20PSARAFTIS.pdf

DG-Clima’s WG on Ships

Professor Psaraftis attended the 2nd meeting of the European Climate Change Programme’s (ECCP) Working Group on Ships, organized by the European Commission (DG-Clima) in Brussels in late June. This Working Group “Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from ships” aims at providing input to the Commission in its work to develop and assess options for the inclusion of international maritime transport emissions in the EU’s greenhouse gas reduction commitment. Within this context, the specific objectives of this meeting was to present views, information, concerns and engage in an active discussion on relevant topics such as; possible measures, impacts, use of revenues and how to avoid evasion. Psaraftis gave a presentation on slow steaming vs. speed limits. The presentation can be downloaded from the LMT web site at this link: http://www.martrans.org/documents/2011/Slow%20steaming%20Psaraftis%202011.pdf
ENVISHIPPING

ENVISHIPPING is a recently started research project partially funded by the General Secretariat for Research and Technology. This project brings together leading domestic companies and institutions with the aim to explore the total environmental footprint of ships from a life cycle perspective. Apart from LMT who coordinates the project, the rest of the partners of the Consortium are: POLYECO SA (leading company in integrated ship waste management services in Greece), Hellenic Sea Ways (HSW, major Greek passenger shipping company), the Research and Innovation branch of Det Norske Veritas (DNV, located in the local office at Piraeus), the Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (HELMEPA, a well known environmental NGO), Naftotrade Shipping and Commercial SA (a Greek owned cement carrier company), and the Company for Shipping Development Support and Cooperation (NAFS, a non profit subsidiary of the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping). LMT hosted the kick–off meeting of the project at the Campus of NTUA in Zografou on June 11, 2011. The next meeting of the project has been scheduled for September 2011.

ECONSHIP 2011

LMT participated with 4 staff members (Kontovas, Lyridis, Panagakos, Ventikos) and 4 papers (see the last section of this newsletter) at the European Conference on Shipping Intermodalism & Ports (ECONSHIP 2011), held on 22-24 June in Chios, Greece. The event was organised by the Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport (STT) of the University of the Aegean (Greece) under the auspices of the International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME) and was hosted by the "Maria Tsakos Foundation" International Center of Maritime Research and Tradition.

An old friend visits LMT

Professor Gilbert Laporte of HEC Montréal (CIRRELT and Canada Research Chair in Distribution Management) spent a day at LMT in mid-June and met with LMT faculty and staff. An overview of ongoing research was presented and topics of mutual interest were discussed.

Meetings and Events
attended by LMT staff

- TRANSit International Intermodal Freight Transport Open Conference, Athens, Greece, April 1
- International Ports and Hubs Trade Show and Symposium, Athens, Greece, April 13-15
- SuperGreen WP4 workshop, Athens, Greece, May 5
- IMO FSA Expert Group Meeting, London, UK, May 9-10
- SoNorA Event, Venice, Italy, May 19-20
- SuperGreen WP5 workshop, Trondheim, Norway, May 30
- SuperGreen PMC meeting, Trondheim, Norway, May 31
- Mare Forum 1st Blue Shipping Summit, Athens, Greece, June 6
- The Challenge of Maritime Piracy and Collaborative means for Counteraction, KCL Group conference, Athens, Greece, June 9
- Balkans Intermodal & Logistics Conference, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 13-14
- 8th SoNorA University Think Tank Conference, Szczecin, Poland, June 16
- Pireas 2011 - The 5th International Shipbrokers Forum, Athens, Greece, June 16
- 2nd European Maritime Research and Innovation Policy Conference, Brussels, Belgium, June 16
- ECCP WG Ships meeting, Brussels, Belgium, June 22-23
- European Conference on Shipping Intermodalism & Ports (ECONSHIP 2011), Chios, Greece, June 22-24

Papers, presentations and speeches
published / presented by LMT staff

Conference on Shipping Intermodalism & Ports (ECONSHIP 2011), June 22-24, Chios, Greece


- Panagakos G.P., Psaraftis H.N. (2011), "Green corridors in freight logistics: How conducive is the operational and regulatory environment in Europe?", Proceedings of the 8th SoNorA University Think Tank Conference, Szczecin, Poland, June 16, ISSN 1868-8411.


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**IMO- MEPC 62**

3 people from LMT will attend the 62nd session of IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (11-15 July, London). Details in the next newsletter.