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TANKER CONFERENCE

24th November 2020, Dubai World Trade Centre, Dubai, UAE

The 2020's: An Opportunity to Capitalise on a Decade of Innovation and Recovery

The fifth annual The Maritime Standard Tanker Conference is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 24th November at the Dubai World Trade Centre, Dubai, UAE. The conference will be a little different this year, as a 'hybrid' event, with some speakers and attendees taking part in person in Dubai, and others joining online, using webinar systems, from around the region and indeed the world.

The first four events have been extremely successful in raising the profile of the tanker shipping business, both regionally and globally, and this is expected to do the same. Now well established as one of the leading events on the tanker shipping calendar, the Conference is aimed at key decision makers and high-level policy takers within this sector of the shipping industry. This year's event takes place at a time of considerable uncertainty and volatility following the pandemic. The impact on tanker shipping has been substantial, as have been the knock-on effects of the global economic crash. Simmering political disputes, and increased use of trade sanctions, have also shaped tanker demand in a way that would have been hard to predict even a short time ago. Tanker shipping will clearly feel the impact of recent events for some time to come. But there are market analysts who remain positive and suggest that ultimately the 2020s will be a decade of growth for the tanker shipping business.

There are other issues of importance as well. The global battle against climate change has ushered in tough new rules and regulations which will continue to impact and challenge tanker shipping. And the era of digitalisation and big data, as well as technical innovations such as 3D printing, offer the chance to lower operational costs for tanker shipping quite considerably.

The 2020 Conference will inevitably focus on the impact of Covid-19 on tanker shipping and will look at how it is affecting the crude, products, chemicals, and gas tanker markets. The event will also analyse and assess other influential market factors over the short, medium and long term, giving attendees a unique and privileged insight into where tankers markets are now, and where they are likely to be heading. While tanker ship owning and operating will be a primary focus, the

event will also assess related support sectors, such as classification, bunker supply, law, ship agency and supplies, ship technology, logistics and terminal handling and storage. The conference is a must-attend, not only for tanker owners and operators, but all companies that provide products and services to this sector of the shipping industry. The intention is that attendees will leave the TMS Tanker Conference with a much clearer idea not just about the effects of the pandemic on tanker shipping and trades, but about likely longer term trade patterns over the coming decade, underlying political and economic influences and key regulatory and technical developments. As a result, attendees will be well placed to take decisions that will facilitate longer term business growth.

Tuesday 24th November 2020

08:30	Registration and refreshments
10:00	Welcome by Clive Woodbridge, Editor, The Maritime Standard
10:05	Inaugural address by Trevor Pereira, Managing Director, The Maritime Standard
10:10	Keynote Addresses
10:50	Session 1: Tanker trades - assessing the longer-term picture in the new normal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unexpected shocks - what lessons can be learned from the impact of coronavirus on tanker shipping? • What will be the primary effects of Covid-19 on global tanker shipping and trades in the short, medium, and long term • How have the chemical trades been impacted and what does the future hold? • Climate change actions - what will be the impact on tanker shipping of global governmental environment initiatives? • Do opportunities for growth and development in the Middle East and Subcontinent region's tanker trades still exist in the 2020s? • "All about politics" - are trade wars and sanctions a permanent reality for tanker owners and operators? • Seafarer issues - how is tanker shipping responding?
12:30	Panel Discussion/ Q&A Session
12.45	Lunch
13:45	Session 2: Creating support structures and services to support long term market growth and development

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can Big Data and digitalisation drive improved tanker market development? • Enhancing oil terminal handling and storage to keep pace with evolving requirements • Bunker requirements in the 2020s - what next steps are needed? • Developing smart ship management and chartering services • Maritime training and education - investing in human capital • The role of maritime law services • Integrating tanker shipping with wider logistics services
15:15	Panel discussion/ Q&A Session
15:30	Refreshment Break
15:45	Session 3 - Embracing technical, legal and regulatory challenges:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrubbers - will impact of oil price crash be permanent or temporary • Can drones and other new digital technology permanently change tanker inspections? • The ship repair and drydocking needs of the future. • Designing and building green tankers • How has digitalisation been accelerated in tanker shipping post-pandemic • Developing alternative fuels and propulsion systems for the tankers of the future • Ensuring tanker safety in the post pandemic era • The evolving role of ship agency. • IMO 2030 - the regulatory compliance challenges ahead
17:00	Panel Discussion/ Q&A Session
17:30	End