Conference overview
The Danish Partnership on Ballast Water invites to a Conference in Copenhagen to be held 8 March 2012. The Conference will cover questions and challenges related to the IMO Ballast Water Management Convention including:
- Status of the ratification process and bottlenecks
- The challenges seen from a shipowner perspective
- The risk related to spread of alien and invasive species
- The need for ballast water treatment
- European implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention
- Status of approved treatment systems

Please use the following link for a detailed programme.

Welcome address
IDA AUKEN, Minister for the Environment

Confirmed speakers
MADS S. THOMSEN, University of West Australia
STEPHAN GOLLASCH, GoConsult
DANDU PUGHIC, International Maritime Organization
DAVID TONGUE, International Chamber of Shipping
BO CERUP-SIMONSEN, Maersk Maritime Technology
KAI TRÜMPLER, Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency of Germany
JAD MOUAWAD, Det Norske Veritas

Please use the following link for more information about the speakers.

Practical information
DATE: 8 March 2012.
VENUE: Copenhagen Marriott Hotel, Kalvebod Brygge 5, 1560 Copenhagen.
ORGANIZERS: The steering committee of the Danish Partnership on Ballast Water which comprises the Danish Nature Agency, the Danish Maritime Administration and the Danish Shipowners’ Association.
INFORMATION: Please contact Peter Olsen, Head of Division, Danish Shipowners’ Association, (+45) 33114088, po@shipowners.dk or Ulrik C. Berggreen, Marine Biologist, Danish Nature Agency, (+45) 72543000, ucb@nst.dk.

Registration and exhibition
Maritime Development Centre of Europe (EMUC) is taking care of the practical details related to registration and exhibition. Please use the following registration link. The conference fee is 850 DKK (115 €) including lunch.
EXHIBITION: An exhibition stand in the conference networking area is a possibility. For further information contact EMUC.
INFORMATION: Ditte A. Kragh, Conference Coordinator, EMUC, (+45) 33337488, dak@maritimecenter.dk.
Programme

09.00 – 09.45  Registration and exhibition
09.45 – 10.00  Welcome address
Ida Auken, Minister for the Environment

THEME 1 - INVASIVE SPECIES AND BALLAST WATER SEEN FROM A BIOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVE
10.00 – 10.30  The spread and impact of marine invasive species
- what difference can we make?
Mads S. Thomsen, Dr. and Adjunct Senior Lecturer, University of Western Australia
10.30 – 11.00  Ballast water - the risk of spread
Stephan Gollasch, Dr. and Senior Scientist, GoConsult
11.00 – 11.30  Coffee break

THEME 2 - THE BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CONVENTION – STATUS, CHALLENGES AND BOTTLENECKS
11.30 – 12.00  The Ballast Water Management Convention
- Purpose and status of the work in IMO
Dandu Pughiu, Head of Marine Biosafety Section, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization
12.00 – 12.30  The Ballast Water Management Convention
- Challenges and bottlenecks
David Tongue, Director of Maritime Affairs, International Chamber of Shipping
12.30 – 13.00  Ballast Water Management
- Does the environmental benefit meet the costs?
Bo Cerup-Simonsen, Vice President and Head of Maersk Maritime Technology
13.00 – 14.00  Lunch

THEME 3 - IMPLEMENTATION AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS
14.00 – 14.30  Implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention in the North Sea and Baltic Sea area
Kai Trümpler, Head of the Environmental Protection in Maritime Traffic, Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency of Germany
14.30 – 15.00  Ballast Water Treatment
- what can we expect from the approved treatment systems?
Jad Mouawad, Senior Engineer, Det Norske Veritas
15.00 – 15.30  Coffee break
15.30 – 16.15  The way forward - Panel discussion
Stephan Gollasch, Dandu Pughiu, David Tongue, Kai Trümpler and Jad Mouawad
Moderator: Frank Stuer-Lauridsen, Director, Litehauz
16.15 – 16.30  Closing remarks by the organizers
Welcome address

Ida Auken is Minister for the Environment in Denmark. The Ministry is in charge of administrative and research tasks in the area of environmental protection and planning.

Speakers

Mads S. Thomsen - Scientific expert in how human stressors, such as invasions by non-native species, impact the structure, productivity and biodiversity of aquatic ecosystems. He is currently in the staff of University of Western Australia.

Stephan Gollasch - Founder of Coconsult and a specialist in biological invasions, ship sampling and ballast water treatment. He is also a member of various international scientific working groups and advisor to the German government delegation at the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Dandu Pughiuic - Head of the Marine Biosafety Section at IMO and secretary to the various IMO working and review groups regarding ballast water and biofouling.

David Tongue - Director of Regulatory Affairs at the International Chamber of Shipping – the principal international trade association for the shipping industry. David is the industry spokesperson in IMO regarding technical and marine matters.

Bo Cerup-Simonsen - Vice President at A.P. Moller–Maersk and head of Maersk Maritime Technology. Maersk Maritime Technology is a specialized ship technology knowledge and competence centre providing technical services to the fleet within the A.P. Moller-Maersk group.

Kai Trümpler - Head of the Environmental Protection in Maritime Traffic at the Federal Maritime Hydrographic Agency of Germany. Kai is also head of the German delegation in HELCOM, OSPAR and in IMO discussions related to ballast water.

Jad Mouawad - Senior Engineer at Det Norske Veritas and a specialist in ballast water matters. Jad is also advisor to the Norwegian government delegation in IMO.

Moderator of the panel discussion

Frank Stuer-Lauridsen - Founder of Litehauz, an environmental consultancy company specialized in maritime matters. Frank is a former member of the UN body GESAMP, The Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection.

Conference chairman

Jan Fritz Hansen - Deputy Director General of the Danish Shipowners’ Association and in charge of the trade and shipping policy department. Part of the responsibility of the department is also nautical issues.