

NOTES ON SPEAKERS



PHILIPPE ALFONSO joined the European Transport Workers Federation (ETF) in October 2005, with responsibility for Maritime Transport, Fisheries and Dockers. Today, he holds exclusively the position of Political Secretary for Maritime Transport. His professional experience includes five years as political advisor to French MEP Marie-Hélène Gillig, Vice-Chairperson of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee from 1999 to 2004. Before ETF, he worked as an Information Officer for the Dublin-based European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, at the agency's Brussels Liaison Office. He holds a degree in Political Sciences from the Institut d'Études Politiques of Strasbourg (France) and he is also a postgraduate in Community law of the Université Robert Schuman of Strasbourg.



MARK DICKINSON is the General Secretary of Nautilus International, the union for maritime professionals in the UK, The Netherlands and Switzerland. Mark is a former seafarer who joined the British Merchant Navy in 1978. In 1983, having secured his Officer of the Watch Certificate and an ONC in Nautical Science, he came ashore to study and gained a BSc (Hons) in Maritime Studies at Cardiff University. In 1992, he gained an MSc (Econ) with distinction in Industrial Relations at the London School of Economics (LSE). Mark has had a 38-year career in the maritime industry and is the elected spokesperson for European Seafarers on the EU Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee on Maritime Transport, and occupies a number of positions in the ETF Maritime Transport Section and the ITF Seafarers' Section and Fair Practices Committee, where he champions the interests of maritime professionals. Nationally, Mark is also a member of the TUC General Council, a Trustee Director of the MNOPF and Ensign Retirement Plan, a Trustee of Seafarers UK, the MNWB, and MEF/MTT, to name but a few of his additional roles and responsibilities.



SYAMANTAK BHATTACHARYA sailed for 15 years with Denholm Ship Management, UK, including two years as ship captain on large tankers and a further two years as a ship manager for Chemoil Corporation, based in Singapore. From 2004 to 2008 Syamantak studied for his PhD on the effectiveness of ISM Code at SIRC, Cardiff University. On graduation he moved to Plymouth University as an academic, where he taught and also supervised doctoral students on maritime topics. Syamantak's research interest includes globalisation, regulation, labour and human factors. He has conducted projects on global container terminals and health and safety in SMEs in the EU, and published articles on Industrial Relations, Policy and Practice in Health and Safety, TR-A, Economic and Industrial Democracy, Safety Science, Employee Relations, and Marine Policy. In 2016 he was appointed the Director of the Maritime Science & Engineering School, which includes the renowned Warsash Maritime Academy of Southampton Solent University in the UK.



ALAIN VIDALIES graduated at the Pau Law Academy and in 1979 became a lawyer in Mont-de-Marsan, south west France, where he worked as an employment lawyer until 2011. He became a Departmental Councillor in 1979, aged 28, and was vice mayor of Mont-de-Marsan from 1989 to 2002. He became a Member of Parliament, representing the first constituency of the Landes, in 1988 and worked to promote better social and working conditions for employees, as rapporteur for many important social laws. In 1993 he returned to his job as a lawyer before being re-elected as a representative in 1997. In 2012, Alain Vidalies was appointed Minister for Parliamentary Relations in Jean Marc Ayrault's government, and then served as Minister for Transportation, Sea and Fisheries in Manuel Valls's and Bernard Cazeneuve's governments.



RICHARD CLAYTON is Chief Maritime Correspondent, IHS Markit, London. He joined Fairplay Publications, publisher of *Fairplay* shipping weekly magazine, in 1984 as markets editor. In 1995 he launched *Fairplay Daily News*, which gave him a decade of breaking major news stories. He stepped up to editing the flagship *Fairplay* magazine in 2007, led a rejuvenation of the publication, and shifted it from an emphasis on ships to an understanding of the business of shipping. During this time, Fairplay Publications was acquired by IHS, a Denver-based data and analytics business; Fairplay became IHS Maritime and Trade. In 2013, he joined IHS's Research and Analytics team, working with analysts to improve access to research, and two years later returned to the editorial team, where now writes thought-leadership articles, edits supplements and gives presentations on shipping. In mid-2016 IHS merged with financial data provider Markit to form IHS Markit.



STEVE TODD is a former merchant seaman from Liverpool. He has been involved in the industry since 1972 and worked at sea for 20 years on a diverse range of shipping, including general cargo ships, tankers, passenger vessels and supply and diving vessels. He was formerly an RMT Regional Organiser in Scotland and Ireland. Latterly, he has served as the RMT's National Secretary since 2002, and was re-elected unopposed in June 2008 and 2013. He represents the RMT nationally and internationally on the ITF and ETF Executive boards.



AGNES JONGERIUS MEP studied Social-Economic History at the University of Utrecht. From 1987 to 1997 she worked for the transport section of the FNV (the largest Dutch labour union). Agnes then joined the federation board in 1997, and successively held the portfolio for Social Security and the posts of Collective Co-ordinator and Vice-Chair. From 2005 to 2012 she was chairwoman of the FNV. From 2012 to 2014 she was Associated Researcher at the Knowledge Center Institutions of the Open Society, Utrecht University. Agnes has been an MEP since 2014. She is a member and vice-chairwoman of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and substitute member of the Committee on International Trade. In the European Parliament she deals with the issues of employment, social affairs, labour conditions, globalisation and trade.



MAGDA KOPCZYŃSKA has been Director for Waterborne Transport in the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport within the European Commission since 16 October 2016. Her directorate is responsible for the development and follow-up of the implementation of policies in support of logistics, maritime transport, ports, and inland navigation. After joining the European Commission in 2006, to work in the Directorate-General for Internal Market and Services, she was appointed in 2009 as the Head of Unit for Clean Transport, Urban Transport and Intelligent Transport Systems and served in that post until June 2011. From July 2011 she was Head of Unit dealing with Maritime Transport Policy and Logistics, until she took up the post of Director for Sustainable and Innovative Mobility in the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport on 1 May 2014.



BRIAN SIMPSON was a PE teacher in Liverpool from 1975 until 1989. Between 1981 and 1986 he served as a County Councillor in Merseyside, while also being Deputy Chair of Liverpool Airport. During his last two years as a teacher, he served on Warrington Borough Council as Deputy Chair of the Finance Committee and Chair of the Policy Review Committee, remaining a Borough Councillor in Warrington until 1991. In that year he was appointed Spokesperson for Transport and Tourism for the European Socialists and Democrats Group. He was a Member of the European Parliament between 1989 and 2014, and from 2009 until 2014 chaired the Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism. He remained active on a national level, chairing UK Performance and Policy Reviews, and served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister between 1997 and 2004. Since 2004 he has been a Member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, and since July 2014 he has been serving as the European Coordinator for the Motorways of the Sea. He was awarded the OBE in the 2016 New Year's honours list by Queen Elizabeth II.



CLAIRE FLÉCHER holds a doctorate in sociology. In 2015 she completed her PhD thesis at the University of Paris 10 Nanterre, under the title, *Human Navigation in Globalised Flows: The work of merchant seafarers on French vessels today*. Based on an ethnographic study aboard four different ships registered on the RIF (French Flag Register), the dissertation describes and analyses the conditions of work and employment for French and Filipino seafarers. It shows how merchant shipping has become an international labour market with specific actors and new stakes. It finally assesses the effects of this development on the recruitment of seafarers and the conditions of work on board ships. She teaches sociology at the universities of Nanterre and Lille. Her current research concerns gender inequalities at work.



NIGEL LOWRY is Greece Correspondent for *Lloyd's List* (www.lloydslist.com), the shipping information provider since 1734. His remit for *Lloyd's List* includes directing the annual Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards, a major event in the maritime calendar. In the past he held senior editorial positions with the Greek *Business Review*, *Naftiliaki*, *Newsfront Greek Shipping Intelligence Newsletter*, and *The Athenian*. He has been a correspondent for *The European Times*, *De Lloyd/Lloyd Anverso* and *Media International*, among others. Nigel is the author of the book *Onassis and his Legacy*. He has participated in numerous maritime industry events as chairman, moderator or guest speaker. Separately, Nigel is also founder and director of the Greek Shipping Hall of Fame, an independent organisation dedicated to recognising outstanding individuals in the history of Greek shipping, and to being an important hub of information on the industry for new generations. It can be visited at www.greekshippinghalloffame.org



PATRICK VERHOEVEN is Secretary General of the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA). Based in Brussels, the organisation represents the national shipowner associations of the EU and Norway. Prior to joining ECSA in August 2013, Patrick served thirteen years as Secretary General of the European Sea Ports Organisation and seven years representing the interests of terminal operators, ship agents and silo companies at EU level. He started his career working for the Antwerp-based ship agent Grisar & Velge. Patrick holds a PhD in applied economics and a bachelor in law from the University of Antwerp. In 2015 he joined the university's Centre for Maritime and Air Transport Management (C-MAT), where he is Assistant Professor in Port Economics and Business. Patrick lives in Antwerp with his wife and three children.



JEAN-LOUIS COLSON joined the European Commission in 1985 after graduating in France in political sciences and business administration. He worked first in the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs and, as from 1988, in the Directorate General for Competition especially in the merger control and State aid control fields. He was appointed Head of Unit in this Directorate General in 1997. In 2008, he moved to the Directorate General for Transport and Energy as Head of the Internal Market and Competition Unit. He was appointed Head of the Maritime Safety Unit in the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport in 2010. He has been in charge of passenger rights in all modes of transport in this Directorate General since 1 January 2012. The Unit was renamed Social Aspects and Passenger Rights on 16 October 2016.



ELISABETH MORIN-CHARTIER MEP has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2007 and was elected First Quaestor in 2014. A member of the employment and social affairs committee since 2007, she was appointed Co-Rapporteur on the Revision of the Directive on the Posting of the Workers in May 2016. She was also rapporteur on important dossiers like the 2014–2020 Regulation of the European Social Fund and the Seafarers Directive. She is President of the European Union of Women and was President of the Region Poitou-Charentes in France from 2002 to 2004.



SANTIAGO ORDÁS JIMÉNEZ is currently the Dean of Barcelona School of Nautical Studies (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya – UPC). With a degree in marine engineering from UPC, he has a masters degree in Occupational Safety and Health, and Environmental Management. He is Professor of Prevention of Marine Pollution and Maritime Safety and Security in the Barcelona School of Nautical Studies, and a member of the Maritime Transport and Logistics (TRANSMAR) research group, focused on the environmental impact of maritime transport. His main research interests focus on marine pollution, sustainable development in the field of maritime transport, health and safety at work (with a focus on ships) and maritime safety. He is the author or co-author of over 25 review articles, research papers and book chapters. He has sea experience (about 2 years) in tankers, RO-RO ships and reefer ships. On shore he has worked two years in a power generation plant.



MARKO ŠULJIĆ is a postgraduate student at the Maritime Faculty in Rijeka, studying Nautical Studies and Maritime Transport Technology. Having spent his early years in Rijeka and Dubrovnik, he returned to Rijeka to attend the Maritime High School in Bakar, where he was a member of the School Rowing Team and one of the top of the class. After completing High School in 2013, he continued his education at the Maritime Faculty. He was also among the top students on his BSc course and as a reward for his studies he was sent to take part in the Nautical Skills Competition at St. John's, Canada, where he won the Ship Stability Competition. At the Faculty in Rijeka, he was again a member of the Rowing Team, as well as the organiser of three regattas. After graduating from the BSc course, he enrolled in his current MSc course. He is also a teaching assistant in four subjects: Cargo Handling 1, Cargo Handling 2, Ship Handling and Voyage Planning.



ISABELLE THOMAS has been a Member of European Parliament representing France's Ouest constituency since July 2012. She worked on maritime issues, with which she had had a long involvement, as Vice-President in charge of seas and coasts for the Brittany Regional Council between 2010 and 2012, and also as the Socialist Party's National Secretary for the Sea between 2008 and 2013. On entering Parliament, she joined the Fisheries committee and the Seas and Coastal Areas intergroup. Since July 2014, she has been a member of the Fisheries and Budgets committees. She is also responsible for these issues and for cohesion policy in her capacity as Vice-President of the Socialist Group. As a member of the Fisheries committee, she recently drafted a report on the Blue Economy and Harmonisation of Fisheries Control in Europe, which was adopted in October 2016. She was also in charge of negotiating the Deep Sea Fishing regulation for the European Parliament. Within the scope of her activities on the Budgets Committee is her current role as Rapporteur on the Revision of the EU's Multi-annual Financial Framework. She lives in Saint-Malo, a city with both historical and geographical ties to the sea.