Dear Sirs,

We would like to inform you that educational Joint European Project „Advanced Ship Design for Pollution Prevention“ (ASDEPP) is currently running in Croatia at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Zagreb and at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Rijeka. The main aims of the project are:

- Improving knowledge about modern computational methods for design and service of environmentally-friendly ships according to the current industry trends.
- Promoting the usage of advanced computational methods, software tools and best practice in shipping, shipbuilding and offshore industry.
- Raise of awareness to environmental protection problems of all important factors concerned by the ship safety.

Within the scope of the ASDEPP project, lecturers from well known European shipbuilding research centers will provide following courses:

C1. Modelling of the environment and environmental loads by C.Guedes Soares and N. Fonseca, IST, Portugal; Pentti Kuyala, HUT, Finland and Šime Malenica, Bureau Veritas, France

C2. Ship structural reliability with respect to ultimate strength by C.Guedes Soares, IST, Portugal

C3. Fatigue reliability and rational inspection planning by Yordan Garbatov and C.Guedes Soares, IST, Portugal

C4. Collision and grounding as criteria in design of ship structures by Petri Varsta, HUT, Finland

C5. Probabilistic approach to damage stability by C.Guedes Soares, IST, Portugal and Šime Malenica, Bureau Veritas, France

ASDEPP courses are intended for three main groups of students:

- post-graduate Master of Naval Architecture (MNA) students.
- PhD students in Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering.
- Naval Architects from industry (shipyards, design offices, classification societies, engineering experts from authorities responsible for the safety of shipping and all others having interest in safety at seas).

Since we are aware of your lasting interest in topics covered by ASDEPP courses, you may wish to delegate some of your employees or students to attend these courses.
ASDEPP project is founded by European union within the scope of the TEMPUS programme. For that reason, attendance to the courses is free of charge, while travel and accommodation expenses in Zagreb or Rijeka must be covered by attendees. Please note that number of attendees per course is limited and is therefore recommended that you express your possible interest for attending ASDEPP courses as soon as possible with short notice addressed to project secretary Mrs. Silvana Škoko Gavranović from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Zagreb using E-mail address silvana@fsb.hr.

ASDEPP courses will start during winter academic semester in 2007, while detail information about programme and time schedule of each course will be available few months in advance, i.e. in August 2007 for first planned courses. Duration of each course will be two weeks, one week at the beginning, while the second week at the end of academic semester. If you express interest in ASDEPP courses, we may send you detailed up-to-date information for individual courses as soon as they become available. More information about ASDEPP may be found also on project web site http://www.mar.ist.utl.pt/asdepp/.

We are looking forward to hear from you soon,

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