

Secretary's Report for the year 2009



Headlines

EMH continued or renewed its connections with EU institutions like EC's Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and EMSA, and with the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO). EMH was present at the European Maritime Day in Rome and other congresses.

EMH welcomed its first Regional Member in Galicia.

The year round

The Executive Committee met in Enkhuizen, Paris and Brussels and had some Skype meetings. They attended conferences in Rovinj, Croatia (AMMM congress), in Chioggia and Cesenatico (Italy), and Klaipeda (Lithuania). The President represented EMH at EU's Maritime Day in Rome. And the Black Flag initiative that resulted in a demonstration in Marstal, Denmark was followed.

The President and Vice-President travelled to Lisbon for discussions with the European Maritime Safety Agency about the regulation of traditional ships in international waters. In May the Working Group was hosted by the Scheepvaartmuseum in Baasrode in Flanders. The newly-founded umbrella organisation Watererfgoed Vlaanderen made EMH welcome. On the former wharf EMH participants visited old buildings and docks and a reception offered by the mayor at the Townhall of Dendermonde made this meeting complete.

The Safety Council had one meeting in Baasrode as did the Cultural council.

An application for the first Regional membership had been received from the Galician Federation of Traditional Ships (FGCMF). An application for Associate membership from Forbundet Kysten from Norway and an Advisory membership from the Lithuanian Sea Museum in Klaipeda were received, while the Musée Portuaire in Dunkirk cancelled their membership.

EMH's membership of Association of Mediterranean Maritime Museums (AMMM) was accepted.

The EMH Newsletter came out once and was distributed by post and by email.

The Website is of great benefit as a source for news, forthcoming congresses and maritime events, witness the fact that so many hits are counted.

The contact list has grown to 1800 addresses in 47 countries. Marianne de Zwart assisted again in many office tasks, like regular and financial administration.

The contributors in 2009

Eight National members (Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and United Kingdom) formed the base of our work.

New this year is the Regional member from Galicia: Federacion Galega Pola Cultura Marítima e Fluvial (FGPCMF).

Eighteen Advisory members supported the EMH. The maritime museums in, Antwerp, Paris, Bremerhaven, Klaipeda, Amsterdam, Enkhuizen, Rotterdam, London, Liverpool, Seixal, Stockholm / Karlskrona, Barcelona and San Sebastian.

The Skibsbevaringsfonden of Denmark supported our work and three Ship Preservation Centres in Norway from: Bredasholmen, Norheimsund and Gratangen.

There were six Associate members: Sammenslutningen af Mindre Erhvervsfartøjerne (SME) of Denmark, the Estonian Association of Historical Ships, Portuguese Association for Maritime Heritage (APMM), Sail Training International (STI), Baltic Sail/Hanse Sail Rostock (including 9 Baltic port/event organisers) and Forbundet Kysten from Norway is welcomed. Timo Schubert took over the role as a EU strategic advisor in Brussels (ADSInsight) from Ketil Djonne.

Together with and thanks to all the volunteers EMH is still playing an important role in the European heritage and transport scene.

The Secretary

Andijk, January 2010