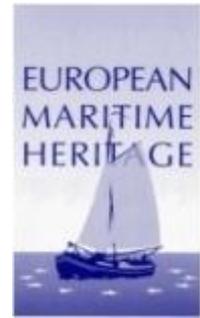


Secretary's Report for the year 2011



Headlines

EMH continued or renewed its connections with EU institutions and Europa Nostra, the International Council of Maritime Museums (ICMM) and Sail Training International. EMH was present at the European Maritime Day in Gdansk and other congresses and events.

The EMH councils were active discussing solutions for sailing with traditional ships in the future at sea and in inland waters

The year round

The Executive Committee met in Aabenraa (DK) and Hyssna (SE) and had some teleconferences. They attended conferences or events in Gdansk (European Maritime Day), London (MoU Committee), Brac (Croatia), Vannes (Semaine du Golfe), Rotterdam (ICMM/EMH/STI), Amsterdam (Europa Nostra), Husavik (IS, Nordic Council), Brest (Nautisme Espace Atlantique programme), Karlskrona (Jarramas project), Klaipeda (Seaside), Toulon (STI), Palermo (AMMM), Paris (Fondation du Patrimoine Maritime). In May the Working Group was hosted by Traeskibs Sammenslutninges (TS) in Aabenraa (DK).

The Cultural Council met in Aabenraa (DK) and started to collect reports of the national and regional members and contacted the European Atlas of the Sea project.

The Safety Council had an important meeting in London with the MoU Committee. The chair of the MoU Committee was passed to Sweden. The SC monitored the developments of the Committee on safe Seas (COSS), the revision of European Directive 2009/45 for passenger ships on domestic voyages as well the consequences of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC).

In Rotterdam thanks to a new initiative from ICMM The International Historic & Traditional Ships Panel (IHTS) was launched. EMH and STI are involved.

The Inland Waterway Council prepared a response on the Chapter 19 of the Joint Working group of the Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine for a hearing in March 2012 in Strasbourg.

The EMH Newsletter came out once and was distributed by post and by email. Since this year the layout is done in Denmark and printing and distribution from the office in the Netherlands.

The Website is still of great benefit as a source for news, forthcoming congresses and maritime events. EMH has started also accounts for social media like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. Per councilpage we started to update regularly with news and new developments.

The contact list has grown to 1850 addresses in 46 countries. The EMH newsletter is distributed to 1150 contacts by post and 700 by email. Continues work to find out emailaddresses instead of postaddresses to reduce the post costs. Marianne de Zwart assisted again in many office tasks, like regular and financial administration.

The contributors in 2011

Still eight National members (Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and United Kingdom) and one regional member (Galicia) formed the base of our work.

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

The Skibsbevaringsfonden of Denmark supported our work and two Ship Preservation Centres in Norway from: Bredasholmen and Norheimsund. We welcomed the Museu de Marinha in Lissabon, but the Stiffelsen Nordnorsk Fartøvernster in Gratangen, Norway and Merseyside Maritime museum in Liverpool as well as National Maritime Museum in Greenwich cancelled their membership.

There were ten Associate members: Sammenslutningen af Mindre Erhvervsfartøjerne (SME) of Denmark, the Estonian Association of Historical Ships, Portuguese Association

for Maritime Heritage (APPM), Icelandic Association of Maritime Museums, Forbundet Kysten from Norway, STS General Zaruski from Poland, Sail Training International (STI), Baltic Sail/Hanse Sail Rostock (including 6 Baltic port/event organisers) and Goélette Gross-Île from Canada. Albaolo, the Basque Maritime Heritage Society is welcomed as new Associate member.

EMH continued its membership of Europa Nostra, International Congress of Maritime Museums (ICMM) and Association of Maritime Museums in the Mediterranean (AMMM).

Timo Schubert is still the EMH EU strategic advisor in Brussels (ADSInsight)

EMH is an NGO where the work is done by volunteers in an international playground. Thanks to all these people EMH is still playing an important role in the European and even worldwide heritage and transport scene.

The Secretary
Andijk, March 2011