Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Workshop Coordinator of the International Maritime Health Association (IMHA), it is my great pleasure to invite you to attend our Workshop and Seminar which will address, with a global perspective, all aspects of the rapidly developing discipline of
maritime medicine, particularly Quality Assurance in Maritime Health and the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse in this Industry.

The Workshop and Seminar will offer a wide spectrum of expertise to address the health needs of the international maritime community. Experts will be developing guidelines on quality assurance systems for maritime health providers at the Workshop. The seminar will provide an opportunity to learn about the recent IMHA report on the role of doctors and other health professionals in preventing drug and alcohol problems in seafarers and discuss how these can be implemented in practice, especially in the major crewing countries of Asia. Participants will include maritime health physicians, policy makers, ship owners, ship managers, union representatives & representatives of maritime associations from all over the world. We have endeavored to make this Workshop and Seminar a platform for developing better maritime health practice and implementing it for the benefit off all who work at sea.

**IMHA WORKSHOP**

*With supporting funding from the ITF Seafarers’ Trust*

**THE APPLICATION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE SCHEMES TO MARITIME HEALTH CARE – CLINICAL GOVERNANCE AND QUALITY ASSURANCE**

*Date: March 31st 2006*

*Venue meeting place: Bombay Club Suite, Royal Bombay Yacht Club (RBYC), Near Gateway of India, Colaba, Mumbai 400 005, INDIA.*

**Speakers:**

Mr. Dani Appave, ILO
Dr. Sally Bell, Quality Assurance Surveyor
Dr. Nebojsa Nikolic, Vice President, IMHA
Mrs Diedre Hutton, Quality Assurance Surveyor
Mrs Helen Crisp, Health Quality Service
Dr. Suresh Idnani, ITF
Dr. Tim Carter, UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency
OVERALL OBJECTIVE
To develop an action plan for introducing an IMHA led international framework of quality assurance for maritime health providers

OBJECTIVES
- To review current approaches to quality assurance in health care and the available methods for assessing performance against quality assurance standards and protocols
- To appraise the options for quality assurance and clinical audit systems appropriate for use by maritime health providers
- To identify the costs and benefits of participation in such quality assurance schemes, for the providers, for seafarers, for employers and for maritime authorities.
- To prepare a report proposing an action plan for the development of a quality assurance scheme for maritime health providers, including an appraisal of any alternatives approaches identified.

A broad range of expertise is needed to ensure that the workshop is successful and we hope that you will be able to be present and contribute. Those planning to attend should be aware that the meeting will focus on the preparation of a written report rather than being primarily an educational event.

IMHA SEMINAR

PREVENTION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

Date: April 1st 2006
Venue meeting place: Ballroom, Royal Bombay Yacht Club (RBYC), Near Gateway of India, Colaba, Mumbai 400 005, INDIA.

Speakers:
Dr. Tim Carter, President, IMHA
Dr. M. W. Daoud, IMHA
Dr. Luisa Canals, Past President, IMHA
The Drug and Alcohol Abuse prevention seminar is a training event, which will be addressed by international experts in this field. They will cover not only on prevention but also counseling and rehabilitation measures, taking seafarers’ welfare into account. The participants will gain knowledge, attitudes and skills from this training seminar program on D & A Abuse Prevention. The issues we will need to include are the following:

- The national and international background to D and A policies
- D&A problems at sea and the role of employers, seafarers, maritime authorities, to D&A problems and programs
- The tasks that a doctor or other medical professionals need to carry out
- Validity of different assessment methods
- Quality assured service and Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse Identification and Management

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Registration fees for Seminar Only
US$ 250 (Two Hundred and Fifty Only) Payment is to be made on arrival
Please contact the organizers if you wish to attend the workshop

Accommodation
Limited accommodation available at the Royal Bombay Yacht Club (RBYC) at the rate of US$75 (Seventy Five Only) per person per night on a first come first serve basis.

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The future of seafarers’ health is looking bright!
Looking forward to seeing you in Mumbai for a meaningful and result oriented workshop and seminar!

Please note that it is the delegate’s responsibility to arrange for appropriate inoculations and visas in accordance with Indian immigration policy.

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM BY E-MAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NOT LATER THAN 15th January 2006 TO:
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