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## ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE JOINT AUDIT BODY

### Note by the Secretariat

**Summary:**

The term of office of the present members of the joint Audit Body of the three Funds will expire at the October 2011 sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies and an election of the members for a new term of office will take place at the October 2011 session of the 1992 Fund Assembly.

In response to a circular dated 17 December 2011 from the Director calling for nominations, four nominations had been received from 1992 Fund Member States by the deadline of 11 March 2011.

At its March 2011 session, the 1992 Fund Administrative Council, acting on behalf of the 1992 Fund Assembly, decided that the four candidates whose nominations had been received within the deadline given in the first circular were automatically elected. The Administrative Council further decided that a second circular would be sent by the Director to 1992 Fund Member States calling for further nominations to fill the remaining two positions and that if more than two candidatures were received for this position, an election would take place.

A second circular was sent to 1992 Fund Member States on 6 May 2011 inviting further nominations to fill the remaining positions. By the deadline of 30 July 2011 one further nomination had been received.

The term of office of the member of the Audit Body not related to the Organisations ('external expert') with expertise and experience in audit matters, Mr Nigel Macdonald, will also expire at the October 2011 sessions of the governing bodies. At its March 2011 session, the 1992 Fund Administrative Council, acting on behalf of the 1992 Fund Assembly, endorsed the proposal of the Chairman of the 1992 Fund Assembly that Mr Michael Knight be elected as external expert for a term of three years from October 2011.

The Director is of the view that the 1992 Fund Assembly may wish to allow the Audit Body to function with five members elected by 1992 Fund Member States and the external expert for the next three-year term, with a decision to be taken in October 2014 as to whether to amend the Composition and Mandate to reflect a reduction in the number of members nominated by 1992 Fund Member States on a permanent basis.

**Action to be taken:**

1992 Fund Assembly:

- (a) to take note of the information contained in this document;
- (b) to elect a further member of the Audit Body nominated by 1992 Fund Member States; and

- (c) to consider whether to allow the Audit Body to function with five members elected by Member States for the next three-year term.

Supplementary Fund Assembly and 1971 Fund Administrative Council:

- (a) to take note of the information contained in this document; and  
 (b) to take note of the decisions taken by the 1992 Fund Assembly.

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 The joint Audit Body of the 1992 Fund, 1971 Fund and Supplementary Fund is composed of seven members elected by the 1992 Fund Assembly for three years. The term of office of the present members of the Audit Body will expire at the October 2011 sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies.
- 1.2 The composition and mandate of the joint Audit Body, as decided by the governing bodies at the March 2008 sessions, is set out at Annex I.

## **2 Consideration by the 1992 Fund Administrative Council, acting on behalf of the 1992 Fund Assembly (March 2011)**

- 2.1 The 1992 Fund Administrative Council, acting on behalf of the 1992 Fund Assembly, noted at its session held in March 2011 that the following nominations had been received from Member States by 11 March 2011 (cf document IOPC/MAR11/4/1):

Mr Emile Di Sanza	Nominated by Canada for a second term
Mr John Gillies	Nominated by Australia
Mr Thomas Kaevergaard (formerly Johansson)	Nominated by Sweden for a second term
Professor Seiichi Ochiai	Nominated by Japan for a second term

- 2.2 The Administrative Council decided that the four candidates whose nominations had been received within the deadline given in the first circular would automatically be elected. The curriculum vitae of these candidates are at Annex II.
- 2.3 The Administrative Council further decided that a second circular would be sent by the Director to 1992 Fund Member States calling for further nominations to fill the remaining two positions. If more than two candidatures were received for this position, an election would take place in October 2011.
- 2.4 At the same session, the Chairman of the 1992 Fund Assembly put forward the candidature of Mr Michael Knight to replace Mr Nigel Macdonald, whose term of office expires with the October 2011 sessions of the governing bodies, as the one named individual not related to the Organisations ('external expert') (cf document IOPC/MAR11/4/2).
- 2.5 The Administrative Council endorsed the Chairman's recommendation that Mr Michael Knight be elected as the external expert with expertise and experience in audit matters for a period of three years. Mr Knight's curriculum vitae is at Annex III.

## **3 Submission of candidatures in respect of the Director's second circular**

- 3.1 On 6 May 2011 the Director sent a second circular to 1992 Fund Member States (Circular 92FUND/Circ.74, 71FUND/Circ.96 and SUPPFUND/Circ.21) requesting nominations to fill the remaining two positions on the Audit Body. By the deadline of 30 July 2011 one new nomination had been received, namely that of Vice-Admiral (Retired) Giancarlo Olimbo, nominated by Italy.
- 3.2 The curriculum vitae of Vice-Admiral Olimbo is at Annex IV.

#### **4 Director's considerations**

- 4.1 The Director has noted that, due to a shortfall in sufficient nominations for membership of the joint Audit Body, the full complement of six members nominated by 1992 Fund Member States has not been achieved on this occasion.
- 4.2 The Director has further noted that this issue has been addressed by the Audit Body in document IOPC/OCT11/6/4 submitted to the October 2011 sessions of the governing bodies and that a proposal has been made by the Audit Body to acknowledge the possibility that from time to time the Audit Body might comprise fewer than six members nominated by Member States. The Audit Body also makes a proposal for consideration by the governing bodies as to how to fill any such vacancies, if required.
- 4.3 When the Audit Body carried out its review of the functioning and mandate of the Audit Body in 2010, the Director expressed his view that the IOPC Funds' Audit Body was large compared with audit committees in many other international organisations (eg World Food Programme, Council of Europe and the Commonwealth Secretariat, all of which function with fewer members). This is a view that has been shared by the External Auditor although, in his view, the Funds' Audit Body has taken on more tasks than many audit committees.
- 4.4 In document IOPC/MAR11/4/1 submitted to the March 2011 sessions of the governing bodies, the Director expressed the view that if the situation were to arise whereby only one or no further nominations were to be received in response to a second circular, the 1992 Fund Assembly would have to decide in October 2011 if the number of members of the Audit Body nominated by 1992 Fund Member States could be reduced for the next three-year term. A decision could then be taken by the 1992 Fund Assembly at the end of the three-year period, on the basis of an assessment made by the Audit Body, in consultation with the Chairmen of the 1992 Fund Assembly, the Supplementary Fund Assembly and the 1971 Fund Administrative Council, as to whether to amend the Composition and Mandate to reflect a reduction in the number of members nominated by 1992 Fund Member States on a permanent basis.
- 4.5 The Director is of the view that the 1992 Fund Assembly may wish to allow the Audit Body to function with five members elected by 1992 Fund Member States and the external expert for the next three-year term, with a decision to be taken in October 2014 as to whether to amend the Composition and Mandate to reflect a reduction in the number of members nominated by 1992 Fund Member States on a permanent basis.

#### **5 Action to be taken**

##### 1992 Fund Assembly

- 5.1 The 1992 Fund Assembly is invited:
- (a) to take note of the information contained in this document;
  - (b) to elect a further member of the Audit Body nominated by 1992 Fund Member States; and
  - (c) to consider whether to allow the Audit Body to function with five members elected by Member States for the next three-year term.

##### Supplementary Fund Assembly and 1971 Fund Administrative Council

- 5.2 The Supplementary Fund Assembly and 1971 Fund Administrative Council are invited:
- (a) to take note of the information contained in this document; and
  - (b) to take note of the decisions taken by the 1992 Fund Assembly.

## ANNEX I

### COMPOSITION AND MANDATE OF THE JOINT AUDIT BODY OF THE 1992 FUND, THE 1971 FUND AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY FUND

(REVISED IN OCTOBER 2008)

#### COMPOSITION

1. The members of the Audit Body shall perform their functions independently and in the interest of the Organisations as a whole and shall not receive any instructions from anyone, including their Governments.
2. The Audit Body shall be composed of seven members elected by the 1992 Fund Assembly: six named individuals nominated by 1992 Fund Member States and one named individual not related to the Organisations ('external expert') with expertise and experience in financial and audit matters, nominated by the Chairperson of the 1992 Fund Assembly. Nominations, accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the candidate, should be submitted to the Director in response to a call for nominations made by the Director. The Chairperson of the 1992 Fund Assembly will, in consultation with the Chairpersons of the 1971 Fund Administrative Council and of the Supplementary Fund Assembly, propose the name of one of the elected members of the Audit Body for consideration and approval by the governing bodies as Chairperson of the Audit Body.
3. Members of the Audit Body shall hold office for three years, once renewable. Should nominations for election to the Audit Body not be sufficient to fill vacancies at an election, existing members of the Audit Body having served two terms will be eligible for a once-only re-election, provided they are re-nominated by one or more 1992 Fund Member States. The external expert shall hold office for three years, twice renewable.
4. Travel and subsistence expenses of the members of the Audit Body shall be paid by the Organisations. The Assembly of the 1992 Fund will, from time to time, decide on the quantum of the honorarium paid to the six elected members and the fee paid to the external expert. The timing and method of payment will be agreed between the Audit Body and the Director.

#### MANDATE

5. The Audit Body shall:
  - (a) review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Organisations' management and financial systems, financial reporting, internal controls, operational procedures, risk management and related matters;
  - (b) promote the understanding and effectiveness of the audit function within the Organisations, and provide a forum to discuss matters referred to in (a) above and matters raised by the external audit;
  - (c) discuss with the External Auditor the nature and scope of each forthcoming audit and provide input to the development of the strategic audit plan;
  - (d) review the Organisations' Financial Statements and reports;
  - (e) consider all relevant reports by the External Auditor, including reports on the Organisations' Financial Statements, and make appropriate recommendations to the Funds' governing bodies;

- (f) manage the process for the selection of the External Auditor; and
  - (g) undertake any other tasks or activities as requested by the Funds' governing bodies.
6. The Chairman of the Audit Body shall report on its work to each regular session of the 1992 Fund Assembly, the 1971 Fund Administrative Council and the Supplementary Fund Assembly.
  7. Every three years the functioning of the Audit Body and its mandate shall be reviewed by the 1992 Fund Assembly, the 1971 Fund Administrative Council and the Supplementary Fund Assembly on the basis of an evaluation report from the Chairman of the Audit Body.

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**ANNEX II**

**CURRICULUM VITAE  
OF THE NOMINEES RECEIVED IN RESPONSE  
TO THE DIRECTOR'S CIRCULAR OF  
17 DECEMBER 2011**

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**MR EMILE DI SANZA  
(CANADA)**

Emile Di Sanza retired as a senior executive in the Canadian public service in May 2008 after 35 years - of which nearly 30 years were in the transportation sector. From 1979 to 2008, he held various positions at Transport Canada, the National Transportation Agency and Statistics Canada.

As Director General, Marine Policy at Transport Canada (2002-2008), he was responsible for the development of economic policies, strategies and measures related to domestic and international marine services, port authorities, ferry services, short sea shipping, bilateral and multilateral agreements and marine liability regimes.

In 2000-2001, he served as Executive Director for the Canada Transportation Act Review. Prior to that, he was Director, Motor Carrier Policy, Transport Canada. Mr. Di Sanza has served on Task Forces, carried out consultations and negotiations with international organizations, foreign governments, provincial and municipal authorities, and private sector interests.

Subsequent to his retirement, he was elected (October 2008) to the Audit Body of the International Oil Pollution Funds (a convention-based organization comprising over 100 national states). In 2009, he served on a part-time basis as Strategic Advisor, Transport Canada (Marine Policy) and is currently a policy consultant. In June 2010, he was elected to the Board of the Canadian Transportation Research Forum.

In 2009, he was also involved in the formation of Di Sanza & Lanthier Consultants Inc., of which he is a director.

In 2008 and 2009, he served on a voluntary basis on the Selection Panel for the Bridgestone Firestone Canadian Truck Hero Award.

In May 2008, Mr. Di Sanza was awarded the Transport Canada Deputy Minister Commendation.

Mr. Di Sanza obtained an Honours B.A from McGill University (1974) and an M.A. from McMaster University (1978). He is fluent in English, French, Italian and has a basic knowledge of Spanish.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### JOHN GILLIES (AUSTRALIA)

#### Short List of Attributes

- Mr Gillies served as the Australian delegate to the governing bodies of the IOPC Funds between 2003 and 2011 and on a number of occasions served on the 1992 Funds' Executive Committee which he Chaired from October 2006 to October 2008.
- Mr Gillies has a thorough understanding of the workings of the IOPC Funds and has made significant contributions, particularly to the functional administration of the Funds and on several working groups whilst serving as the official Australian delegate.
- He brings more than 12 years of high-level national and international experience in, pollution prevention and response, as well as in the development, implementation, management and review of liability and compensation regimes. Mr Gillies also has extensive experience in policy development and implementation, fisheries management, the oversight of large scale research and monitoring projects and the planning and management of marine parks and reserves.
- He has a sound understanding of Fund management and administrative issues, has operational experience of oil spill incident response, cost recovery and review and he would offers a sound, practical, southern hemisphere perspective in the Audit Body.
- As a long term and well known representative at IOPC Fund meetings, he brings considerable knowledge of the Funds' history, deliberations and operations. In particular, Mr Gillies has had an active participation in some of the management improvements made by the Funds between 2003 and 2011 – e.g. as Australian delegate, he was actively involved in the development and support on the floor of the Assembly of proposals for the Funds to adopt changes in the meeting arrangements, including the introduction of a unified document numbering system, agenda and record of decisions and the holding of simultaneous sessions of the governing bodies.
- Mr Gillies also has skills, experience and attributes that the Funds' governing bodies noted should be included in an Audit Body including:
  - the ability to bring constructive challenges;





- the ability to understand the legal framework under which the Funds operate, and the relationship of that framework to the jurisdictions of Member States;
- experience of risk assessment and risk management;
- administrative experience;
- understanding of the particular international environment of the Funds;
- experience of the shipping insurance sector; and,
- financial acumen.

#### Short List of Relevant Experience

- Mr Gillies was Principal Advisor, Policy and Regulation, Environment Protection Standards in the Australian Maritime Safety Authority from 2000 until 2011. This position was responsible for the development of international conventions and their incorporation into Australian domestic law.
- Mr Gillies was the Executive Officer to the National Plan Management Committee (the Committee is responsible for the strategic oversight of Australia's national oil and chemical spill response plans).
- Mr Gillies was the Executive Office to a number of incident analysis teams put in place following the *Global Peace*, *Pasha Bulker*, *Pacific Adventurer* and *Montara* incidents in Australia to review and identify lessons learnt in responding to these shipping and offshore incidents.
- Previously, Mr Gillies has worked for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA), the now Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Populations and Communities (DoSEWPAC) and the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA).

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### MR THOMAS KAEVERGAARD (SWEDEN)

Mr. Thomas Kaevergaard (formerly known as Thomas Johansson) was born in 1967 in the town of Norrköping, Sweden. He is a Swedish citizen.

Mr Kaevergaard received his Master of Laws from Uppsala University, Sweden, in 1993. He has served on various positions within the Swedish judiciary: 1993–1995 as Legal Secretary at the District Court of Linköping, 1995–1996 as Legal Secretary in the Svea Court of Appeal, 1996–1998 as Assistant Judge, and during 1998 as Associate Judge of Appeal.

From November 2005 to September 2009 he held a position as Vice President of the National Board for Consumer Complaints (NBCC). NBCC is a government agency with the task to provide settlement of disputes between consumers and businesses as an alternative to dispute settlements in courts. As Vice President he assisted the President with the management of the NBCC and acted as the President's deputy. He was also involved in the dispute settlement process as adjudicator/evaluator of the cases laid before the NBCC and presided during sessions of the NBCC. He was also responsible for the NBCC's administrative department that comprises functions as information, finance and HR.

Prior to taking up his position with the NBCC he held different positions in the Swedish Ministry of Justice, Division for Intellectual Property and Transport Law, between 1998 and 2005. His main responsibilities were in the field of transport law and trademark law. Between 2001 and 2005 he was Principal Legal Adviser/Deputy Director, a position that included supervising the work of other staff within those areas. As of 1 July 2004 he deputised the head of the said division.

During 2009 and 2010 he was Legal Counsel and Head of Legal Affairs of the Swedish Customs. He currently serves as secretary to a committee established for a review of the Swedish legislation on espionage and other illegal intelligence activities. This position includes, in addition to legal analysis and drafting, certain administrative and financial responsibilities. In addition, he holds a position as adjudicator of the NBCC (part-time) and chairs in this capacity hearings of the Board as well as determines matters before the Board without hearings. The cases dealt with concern for example maritime and other transport law.

Thomas Kaevergaard has represented Sweden in the IMO Legal Committee. He took up work relating to the IOPC Funds during 1999 and participated in meetings of the Funds' governing bodies as Swedish representative from 2000 to 2003. At the 2003 diplomatic conference leading to the adoption of the Supplementary Fund Protocol he was chairman of the drafting committee.

He has also represented Sweden in working groups within the Council of the European Union and within the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency.

Thomas Kaevergaard has been assigned by the Ministry of Justice to produce a report with an analysis of whether Sweden should ratify the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, of 2005, and the 2005 Protocols to the International Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA). The assignment also includes the drafting of the appropriate statutory amendments for the ratification and implementation of these instruments and to translate the instruments.

Thomas Kaevergaard has been a member of the joint Audit Body of the IOPC Funds since 2008.

He is married with Susanne Kaevergaard since 12 May 2007.

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**PROFESSOR SEIICHI OCHIAI**  
**(JAPAN)**

**Born** 10 April 1944, Tokyo, JAPAN

**Permanent Positions**

- 2007 - Professor of Law, Chuo Law School
- 2007 - Professor Emeritus, the University of Tokyo

Professor Ochiai specialized in maritime law, insurance law and corporate law. He served as President of the Japanese Private Law Association and the Japanese Insurance Study Association. He is a prolific legal author whose works include over 10 books and 150 scholarly articles. He is a Titulary Member of the Comité Maritime International (CMI).

**IOPC Fund's activities and other major international activities**

2008-2011 Member of the IOPC Funds Audit Body

Attended the 1992 Fund Assembly as Representative of the Japanese Government or Legal Advisor for Japanese delegation;

- 2005 - 2008 First Vice-Chairman of the 1992 Fund Assembly
- 2004 - 2005 Second Vice-Chairman of the 1992 Fund Assembly
- 2001 - 2008 Representative of Japanese delegation
- 2000 - 2001 Adviser for Japanese delegation

Also attended the following Conferences;

- 2003 Diplomatic Conference on the IOPC Supplementary Fund Protocol as a representative of Japanese delegation.
- 1984 Diplomatic Conference on the HNS Convention as a representative of Japanese delegation.
- 1994 Head of Japanese delegation for UNCITRAL/UNCTAD Joint W/G on Convention of Arrest of Ships as a head of Japanese delegation
- 1985 Head of Japanese delegation for UNCITRAL W/G on the Convention of Liability of Operators of Transport Terminals

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**ANNEX III**

**CURRICULUM VITAE  
OF MR MICHAEL KNIGHT, EXTERNAL EXPERT ELECTED AT  
THE MARCH 2011 SESSIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODIES**

## MICHAEL A KNIGHT BA FCA

### BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

#### Education

- Exeter University BA Honours (Geography/Economic History)

#### Career Overview

- 1974-2001 Ernst & Young
  - 12 month secondment to Ernst & Young USA 1988 (Seattle)
  - 24 month secondment to National Westminster Bank, London (1982-1984)
  - Admitted as partner 1986
  - Retired for family reasons 2001
- Charles Taylor Consulting plc: Non-Executive Director (2000-2010)
- Sutton Harbour Holdings plc:
  - Non-Executive Director (2005- present)
  - Appointed Chairman in 2007
- National Maritime Museum of Cornwall: Trustee (2005- present)

#### Career highlights with Ernst & Young

- Lead Ernst & Young partner responsibilities for:
  - The Post Office/UK Government - 12 years;
  - Asda Group - 7 years
  - Smith & Nephew - 4 years
  - Coca-Cola Beverages\* - 4 years
  - Capita Group\* - 7 years
  - Xansa\* (formerly FI Group) - 6 years
  - Expert witness for Serious Fraud Office and Inspector for Securities & Investments Board (1986-1988)

\*Denotes partner responsibility during flotation process

- Principal roles: overall responsibilities for co-ordination of services world-wide; liaison with and advice to Board and Audit sub-committees; 'signing' responsibilities for annual accounts and all prospectus-related reports. Experience includes advice on: preparation for public offerings and capital raising; acquisitions and disposals; corporate governance and compliance-related obligations.
- Variety of management & client facing roles. Former including: National graduate recruitment; Audit Group leader (120 partners and staff); Consumer Products Industry leader.

## **Non-Executive positions**

### **Charles Taylor Consulting plc**

I served on the Board for nine years where I chaired the Audit Committee. I also served on the remuneration and nomination committees. In addition to formal responsibilities, I conducted a review of the management and direction of the group at the then Chairman's request and chaired a group reviewing the Group's pension arrangements. Following my retirement from the Board, I have been retained as a consultant where I chair the Group's risk committee and advise on risk-related matters. I also remain a Director of the regulated insurance subsidiary, CT Services Ltd.

### **Sutton Harbour Holdings plc**

I joined the Board of Sutton Harbour in June 2005. It is Plymouth's only listed company and has interests in property regeneration, marine and transport. I was appointed Chairman in 2007 and serve on the remuneration and nomination committees. Since 2007 my principal tasks have been: to improve the quality of our corporate communications in terms of the annual report and contacts with the market and investors; progressively to change the composition of the Non-Executive Directors by recruiting talent from larger, nationally-focused companies; and to enhance the skills of the management team through a development programme to facilitate the next phase of our growth. I have also led our team in capital-raising activities in the City of London and in the disposal of our airline subsidiary.

## **Trustee position**

### **National Maritime Museum of Cornwall**

I was asked to join the Board of Trustees by the Chairman of the Greenwich Maritime Museum as one of their appointees. The Cornwall Museum has faced a number of financial challenges and my accounting background, plus my West Country origins were seen as useful. I also chair the Finance and Audit sub-committee.

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**ANNEX IV**

**CURRICULUM VITAE  
OF THE NOMINEE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE  
TO THE DIRECTOR'S CIRCULAR OF  
6 MAY 2011**



## Curriculum Vitae

(April 2011)

Vice-Admiral (IT.CG) (Rt) Giancarlo OLIMBO is an Officer of the Italian Coast Guard who attended the Italian Navy Academy in Livorno.

### Main appointments:

- Milazzo's (Sicily) Harbour Master
- In 1986, on occasion of the first Persian Gulf Operation, Head of the Maritime Traffic and Ports Department at the Central Mediterranean and Italian CINCFLEET Headquarters
- As Head of Molfetta's Maritime District, appointed Responsible and Coordinator for the extraction operations of the highly toxic and polluting cargo from the M/T "Alessandro I", sunk on a -110m depth, 20NM off the coast of Molfetta (BARI). This complex operation, extremely dangerous for the marine ecosystem, received the "Sea Awards" and himself was awarded the medal for Navy Gallantry by the Minister for Defence.
- (1996-1998) Head of Taranto Maritime District and Commissioner of Taranto's Port Authority
- (1996-1998) Maritime Director of Calabria and Basilicata regions; member of the Working Group for the elaboration of Gioia Tauro Master Plan.

In 2001 he attended the Centre for High Defence Studies in Rome and in that period he Chaired the "GMDSS International Conference", held at Florence under the aegis of IMO, which has led to the establishment of 5 Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres along the African coast.

From 2003 to April 2011 he has been the Permanent Italian Representative to IMO and Maritime Attaché to the Italian Embassy in London.

In 2003 he attended the Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the IOPC Supplementary Fund Protocol; since then he has attended all the IOPC Funds meetings, taking active part in the various debate.

In 2005 he has been the Chairman of the Workshop held in London on the procedures aimed at the ratification of the HNS Convention.

Moreover, during these years he has been involved as Head of the Italian Delegations at the International Conferences of Djibouti and Sana's (Yemen) on the development of Regional Capacity Building against piracy in the area of the Gulf of Aden and the Horn of Africa.

In June 2009 he also represented Italy at the 3rd International Maritime Forum on Piracy off the coasts of Somalia, held in Seoul.

He has led the Italian Delegations at the Diplomatic Conferences on the “Wreck Removal” in Kenya (Nairobi Convention) and on the “Ships recycling”(Hong Kong Convention).

In 2010 in Manila appointed Vice-President of the Diplomatic Conference on the Amendments to the STCW Convention and related Code.

Last July he was bestowed, by the Turkish Minister of Transports, the “Lifetime Achievement Award” for the contribution offered in enhancing the Italian-Turkish relationships in the maritime trade.

In 2010 he has attended the Diplomatic Conference on the adoption of the 2010 Protocol to amend the HNS Convention.

Currently he holds the Chairmanships of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (IOPC) Supplementary Funds Assembly.

He is retired from the Italian Coast Guard 09 March 2011 and as Maritime Attaché of the Italian Embassy in UK on 24 April 2011