

5th WISTA Med conference, Hydra Island, 7th to 9th June 2013

Danae Bezantakou participated in the 5th WISTA Med conference hosted by WISTA Hellas at the island of Hydra from the 7th to 9th of June 2013, where over 80 representatives from all sectors of the shipping industry gathered from all over the world to tackle the ever so timely subject on most everyone's minds these days, "Today's Crew Challenges" and to celebrate the 20 year anniversary of WISTA Hellas.

The Forum featured major industry players such as Capt. Panagiotis Tsakos of Tsakos Group, Dr. William Moore of the American P&I Club, Mr. Anastasios Gkoufas of Global Seaways S.A., Mr. George Galanakis of Elvictor Group, Capt. George Tsouris of the Masters and Mates Union of the Greek Merchant Marine (PEPEN), Mr. David Nichol of the London P&I Club, Mr. Ioannis Sarbanis of LISCR (Hellas) SA, Mr. Branko Krznaric of ITF and Capt. Dimosthenis Papadopoulos of Seapal Marine Inc.

The forum discussion was concentrated not only on the general and obvious challenges of recruitment but delved much deeper into the crucial issues and challenges facing all facets of shipping with respect to regulation, insurance, casualty management, and practical implementation not only of training but of the impending Maritime Labor Convention 2006. The forum provided a rare and unique opportunity for all sides of the maritime industry to hear and comment on the obstacles related to all aspects of seafaring operations as seen by their counterparts.



Photo: Questions from the audience - Mrs. Danae Bezantakou