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## New Chairman, new activities for EMEC

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### New Chairman

On Thursday, the 27th of April in Paris, HME-chairman Pim van Gulpen has been chosen to be the new chairman of the European Marine Equipment Council (EMEC). Pim van Gulpen hereby replaces Govert Hamers, appointed in November 2004, who, due to his transfer from Imtech Marine & Offshore BV to IHC Holland Merwede BV, had to end his chairmanship prematurely.

Over the coming months (for 1,5 years) Pim van Gulpen will fulfill the role of EMEC-chairman and will try to place the European marine supply-industry on the map within the European Institutions, primarily within the European Commission. He will work together with secretary-general of EMEC, Paola Lancellotti, whose work as of her appointment on 1st January 2006, has fully met the support of EMEC members at the General Assembly in Paris on 27th and 28th April 2006.

At the end of the EMEC meeting held on 28th April 2006 at 11.30, a special session on the Marine Equipment Directive (MED) was held by EMSA, the European Maritime Safety Agency. EMEC and EMSA have jointly developed a questionnaire on the activity of the Notified Bodies within the MED and whose results will be used to monitor and improve communication among the parties involved under the MED.

### New Activities

Since the official EMEC Strategy was launched at the Annual Reception on 8th February 2006, together with EMECrid Research Strategy (both available upon request to the EMEC Secretariat: [emec@skynet.be](mailto:emec@skynet.be)) EMEC has already implemented important activities:

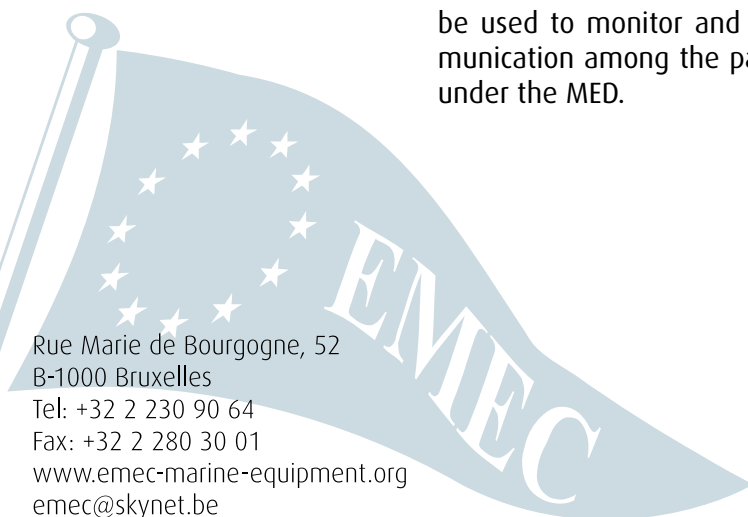
### Members of EMEC – New members joining.

EMEC members are growing, in particular DANSKE MARITIME, representing DENMARK, have confirmed they will be joining EMEC as of 1st July 2006. EMEC is presently under discussion with other possible new members.

### European Marine Equipment Companies direct involvement.

EMECnet, the Network of the Leading Firms in EMEC has been established since November 2005 and few meetings have taken place. The Spokesman of EMECnet, John Andersin Director of External Relations of Wärtsilä, presented some results. Members of EMECnet at present are shown below and few others are in the process of joining:

**ASIRobicon Spa**  
**Deerberg Systems**  
**Germanischer Lloyd**  
**Halton**  
**Hamworthy Plc**  
**Imes Ltd**  
**Isotta Fraschini Motori**  
**Kaefer Schiffbau GmbH**  
**Man B&W Diesel**  
**Navalimpianti**  
**Sam-Electronics**  
**Stork Bronswerk Bv**  
**Wärtsilä Corporatio**



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## **Research, Innovation and Efficient Classifications.**

EMECrid Chairman, Patrick Person, has been confirmed in its position. Activities of the R&D Group of EMEC were presented together with a leaflet and the first ever Newsletter of EMECrid (copies are available).

The Secretary of the Technical Working Groups of EMECrid, Norman Grum of Rolls-Royce, presented results of their work. The Technical Working Groups have heavily contributed to the drawn up of the documents for the entire Maritime Cluster in WATERBORNE Technology Platform, through the EMECrid Strategic Research Agenda. The involvement of (both large and SMEs) marine suppliers in the new tendering rounds for the research programmes of the EU was fostered. Under command of Roll's Royce among others, at this moment large technology projects, in which companies from all EU Members States can participate, are being prepared. A workshop will be held next 18th May 2006 in Derby in order for marine equipment suppliers to contribute with new ideas to innovation projects.

## **Intellectual Property Rights.**

A new EMEC Working Group focussing on IPR, a matter of major concern to the European marine equipment industry, has been approved. The WG will be producing a Position Paper for the Industry in the very near future in order to meet request of information and provide recommendation to the EU institutions.

Revitalisation of the EMEC WG on Efficient Classification is in progress. Multiple certification issue has been taken up with the Commission and further talks at National levels have been developed in some Member States. Direct and official talks will be developed at European level between EMEC and Classification Societies representatives.

## **Cooperation with the European Maritime Cluster - Maritime Industries Forum (MIF)**

EMEC's proposal of coordinating a new MIF Working Group on Rules and Regulations, has been approved by the Coordination Group of MIF ([www.mif-eu.org](http://www.mif-eu.org)). The kick-off meeting took place on 2nd May 2006. The Working Group was attended by Associations in the Marine sector of European and International level together with Representatives of the European Commission namely DG Enterprise and DG Fisheries and Maritime Affairs (representing the Task Force for the Green Paper) and the MIF Executive Secretary. The Working Group aims at identifying areas and specific matters which due to overproduction/overlapping/overburden and/or different application of R&R at European, Regional and/or International level, are affecting competitiveness of the European maritime sector (e.g. multiple certification, counterfeiting, environmental requirements).