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Dear EDINNA members and associated members,

On the 26th of June 2012, during our General Assembly, Mr Portmann officially retired from his position as vice-president of the Board of EDINNA. Mr Rusche, Schulschiff Rhein, was officially installed as the new vice-president for a two year term.

Last week Mr Portmann officially retired from the Schiffer Berufs Kolleg during a sailing trip on the Rhine.

Most of us will have a few weeks summer break during the months July and August. The Edinna board and daily secretariat will restart their work in the third week of August and the first meeting of the daily board will take place on the 29th of august in Haarlem (NL).

This autumn we will focus on the further development of the STCIN in cooperation with the social partners, the national authorities and the river commissions.

The Leonardo da Vinci group on inland waterway simulators will gather in Harlingen (NL) in October and as agreed upon during the last GA we will ask the Riverspeak group to continue their work together with our colleague from Rotterdam, Peter van Kluijven.

We will prepare the next GA in Romania in May 2013. Probably the meeting will take place in Constanta hosted by Ceronav . Any details concerning the next General Assembly will follow in time.

For now I wish you a pleasant holiday time,

Arjen Mintjes, president of the Board

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Sixth General Assembly Duisburg, June 2012

From the 25th until the 27th of June various meetings were organised in Duisburg, at the premises of Schiffer-Berufskolleg Rhein and Schulschiff Rhein. On Monday the 25th of June 2012, the LdV Group on “Simulators in Inland Navigation Education and Training” had their third partner meeting of which the outcomes were presented during the General Assembly.



Furthermore, the Board of EDINNA had a Board Meeting in preparation of the General Assembly, which took place on the 26th and 27th of June 2012. Besides various subjects coming back every meeting, one of the most important points on the agenda was the election of the successor of Mr Portmann in the position as vice-president. Mr. Rusche, Schulschiff Rhein, was elected for a period of two years.



Furthermore, several new (associated) members gave a presentation on the activities of their institute. Since the last General Assembly in Venice we were able to welcome the following (associated) members:

- 1) Syntra Midden-Vlaanderen, Belgium;
- 2) University of Ljubljana, Slovenia;
- 3) Saint-Petersburg State University for Waterway Communications, Russia.

The European Transport Workers' Federation as well as the Danube Commission were attending the General Assembly as well and gave an update on their activities.



Mr. H.A.L. Mintjes,
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Since our General Assembly in Venice numerous activities with respect to the development of the STCIN were undertaken. Within the Platina project deliverable D 3.13 "Consolidated tables of STCIN Competencies for OL and ML has been delivered to the EU Commission. The competence as well as the knowledge, understanding and proficiency related to these competencies have been mutually agreed upon within the framework of the Platina Joint Working Group. The next phase of this work will focus on the methods for demonstrating competence as well as the criteria for evaluating the competence. During the General Assembly, all members received a booklet containing the tables as developed within the Platina framework.



Mr. Rusche provided the General Assembly with an update on the tasks executed during the final project year of Platina. This major tool for the inland navigation industry will be finalised in the autumn of 2012. Last but not least Mr. Paulus, Schiffer-Berufskolleg Rhein, gave a presentation on the progress made by the LdV working group on simulators, which is currently focussing on the relation between the didactical concepts of the use of simulators and the table of competencies on OL and ML concerning navigation.

Wednesday the 27th of June 2012

During the second day the following documents were discussed in various working groups:

- 1) Tables of competencies;
- 2) Features of the simulator for inland navigation, which is the final version of the working group of the CCNR. This document will be discussed next year during a round table organised by the CCNR.

Mr. Gebraad gave an update on the possibilities for future projects within various funding frameworks provided by the European Commission and requested the members to send their ideas to the daily secretariat during the summer.

The next General Assembly is scheduled for May 2013 in Constanta, hosted by CERONAV. We will communicate further details in the autumn of 2012.

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United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

On the 20th of June 2012, the UNECE organised the next edition of the "Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation". The CCNR, Sava Commission, Danube Commission as well as the UNENCE and the EU Commission are all working on the modernization of the existing international instruments on the mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and on the professional requirements in inland navigation. Where presented the concept of the STCIN is received with great interest. It is now up to the parties involved to enable the further development of the STCIN. It is the interest of Edinna to support the parties in this objective.



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Joint Working Group on Professional Competencies

Since the last edition of this newsletter, the Joint Working Group on Professional Competencies met in Vienna, Austria (13th of March 2012) and in Duisburg (2nd of May 2012). Since Deliverable D 3.13 has been delivered to the EU Commission, the JWG will not meet in the frequency as they did during the last year. However, as all participants evaluate the importance of the work of the JWG as important, the next meeting will take place in the autumn of 2012 and will focus on the future tasks to be executed.



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News from our members: Inauguration of a new training vessel in Huy.

On the 4th of May 2012 the province of Liege in Belgium as well as the inland navigation school in Huy officially inaugurated their new training vessel, consisting of a motor vessel/push barge combination. Several members of EDINNA attended the official inauguration. Herewith, you will find an impression of the new vessel.





Mr. M. Ghiba, advisory-officer



Mrs. D. Munteanu, advisory-officer





Inland Waterway Transport in the European Union

“Naiades implementation Meeting, 25th of June 2012”

On the 25th of June 2012, Mr. Mintjes and Mr. van Reem, attended the Naiades Implementation Meeting in Brussels. Naiades I, the policy framework for inland waterway transport, will officially come to an end in 2013 and Naiades II will be applicable for the period 2014 – 2020.

Naiades will focus on:

- 1) Infrastructure and Market;
- 2) Greening the Inland Waterway Fleet;
- 3) Professional Qualifications and Training Standards in Inland Navigation;
- 4) Information Exchange and Sharing;
- 5) IWT Governance – EU/IWT Organisations;

Within the framework of Professional Qualifications and Training Standards in Inland Navigation the EU Commission intends to establish an EU-wide legal framework with the aim to improve the mobility of IWT personnel.

In the autumn, we will provide you with an update on all following steps to be taken.

“Rising Industry Forum:

RIS Instruments for the Optimization of Inland Waterway Transportation”

On the 6th of April 2012 the Rising Industry Forum was organised by RIA – Romanian Intermodal Association, in Constanta, Romania. The RISING project is financed through the FP7 program. This forum brought together participants from different sectors of the naval transport industry: transport operators, logistic services providers, port and terminal operators, port information service providers, research institutes education and training institutions, IT application developers, advertising agents and RIS providers.



Upcoming Events:

- 1) The 8th and 9th of October 2012, Fourth Meeting LdV Partnership, Ijmuiden and Harlingen, the Netherlands;
- 2) May 2013: General Assembly, Constanta, Romania.
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