“SNAME Italia”

1st General Assembly for Election and 1st Technical Meeting – November 27th, 2014

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REPORT OF THE EVENT

More than 70 persons, of which about 30 were students and the others were Members residing in Genoa or qualified guests of the Shipping Community of Genoa and Trieste, attended the 1st General Assembly of SNAME Italia for Election of the Executive Committee 2014-2016. The Election has been completed during the meeting via physical ballot, while the majority of members had already voted via e-mail system secret ballot, kindly granted by Propeller Club Port of Genoa.

For the first Executive Committee did vote 51 members over 104 members of the territory of Italy and Monaco. The first five members elected are: B. Dionisi, A. Cosulich, V. Damonte, A. Gamaleri, C. Podenzana Bonvino.

In the main hall at first floor of the historical Villa Giustiniani Cambiaso, prof. ing Massardo, the Head Master Professor of Scuola Politecnica, gave the welcome address in name of the University of Genoa.

First of all B. Dionisi had read the letter of Peter G. Noble, President of The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers for this inaugural meeting of Italian Section. Then Mr. B. Dionisi, in name of the ad hoc Committee of SNAME Italia had a speech on SNAME worldwide community and mission, with high potential of interest for those professionals and students in the various maritime technical and business areas. It has been also underlined the international potential of this community for the students of Italian University, who have to think to the future without geographical borders. The speaker also told about the genesis of the Italian Section and how four friends and founders met in June and decided to proceed and that within the ad hoc Committee there are represented experiences coming from the Shipping by Dionisi, from the Classification Societies by Damonte, from the industry by Gamaleri and from the University by Podenzana Bonvino.
The 1st Technical Meeting has been organized with the kind support of a major Shipbuilding Industry. Thus ing. Alessandro Maccari, Research and Innovation Manager of Fincantieri SpA, gave a lecture on an up to date topic of great interest for everybody:

“Safety of large Cruise Ships: development of new International Regulations and new Scenarios“.

The lecture did offer the perspective of the shipyard on the global cruise industry ongoing efforts to improve shipboard safety, discussing how designers, ship operators, maritime authorities, service providers and suppliers are working on continuously enhancing safety standards to protect guests and crew members. Ships – and specifically passenger ships – are regulated at international, national, local and port levels by changing and emerging regulations. Risk Assessment methodologies are widely used, focused on safety & resiliency, but also on comfort & care of passengers, contributing significantly to the continued safe design and operation of ships. Shipyards play a key role in developing innovative designs, implementing new standards and best practices, monitoring and responding to expectations of internal and external stakeholders on Safety, Environment, Security and Health. In the wider framework of promotion of an enhanced safety culture, some industry led initiatives will be outlined, targeting specific IMO actions on passenger ship safety and casualty analysis, in line with the long term action plan set by the Organization.

The presentation by Maccari, the technical contents, the style of the speaker and the interesting point of view on the safety have been very much appreciated by the audience, representative of the maritime community. Several interesting “to-the point” questions have been placed by Capurro (guest), Cosulich (member of Italian Section) and D. Economou (member of Greek Section) as well as by other guests. A specific and satisfying answer has been given to everybody by Maccari.

In conclusion B. Dionisi addressed a thank you message to Genoa University, to Fincantieri, to the friends and to the colleagues of the Maritime community present at the meeting as well as to SNAME in USA and in Greece that had given support to the initiative. It has been stressed that the new local section should not be a top-down creature, but must be participated by all the Italian members, with the contribution of everybody with ideas and personal support, and it is hoped that also members who did not take part to the meeting be present in the future. Dionisi then invited each of the founders to express their point of view. Damonte underlined the importance of the SNAME and his personal enrolment by Podenzana Bonvino at time of studentship, Podenzana Bonvino as University representative recorded the long relationship with SNAME and Gamaleri as industry representative and member since 1974, underlined the vital importance of internationalization for young Italian University students and engineers and the opportunity given by SNAME to expand their technical contacts to this maritime community.

The light “Buffet” and drinks at the conclusion of the meeting
After the conclusion of the meeting a light “buffet” offered by local friends gave the opportunity to everybody to have a “brindisi” with Italian “Prosecco” wine in honour of the just started Italian Section of SNAME.

During the next first “board meeting” of the just elected new Executive Committee it would be discussed and refined the program of Technical Meetings of SNAME Italia for the 2015. The EC would also name a member or an external expert to act as formal Auditing Officer of the Section.

As a final note of goodhope we remember that “The Scuola Politecnica” of the Genoa University is the heir of the “Regia Scuola Superiore Navale” (Royal High School for Naval Architecture and Engineering) established in Genoa in 1871, by an agreement between the City of Genoa and and Royal Italian Navy (Regia Marina).

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