



Mohammad Souri of NITC



Roberto Giorgi of V Ships



Ingrid Liu of Optima Shipbrokers



Wang Chunlin (left) of Sinotrans and Frederick Tsao of IMC



Grace Wu of NW Johnsen & Co



Simon Liang Xiaolei of Sino Pacific Heavy Industries

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Atle Jebsen of Jebsen Management



Jannis Kostoulas of Mare Forum



Peter Swift of Intertanko



Rajaish Bajpae of Eurasia



Trond Lillestolen of TradeWinds



Olav Eek Thorstensen of Thome Ship Management



From left, William Gallagher, Melissa Hurst, Guy Maitland and FA Guida, all from International Registries Inc



Frank Hu (left) of Dawning Shipping and Hu Qing Chun of Universal (China) Pte Ltd

Blockbuster event

Guan Xinhua and Irene Ang Shanghai

The Shipping China 2005 conference organised by TradeWinds and Mare Forum in Shanghai may well turn out to be a record-breaker.

The international shipping community and Chinese delegates turned out in force, leaving some veterans of the maritime-conference circuit struggling to recall when they last saw a gathering like this so well attended.

John Guy of Merlin Corporate

Communications said: "I have been to nearly all the shipping conferences in the world and this may well be the biggest commercial conference."

TradeWinds publisher Trond Lillestolen was elated by the attendance at the pre-conference reception hosted by shipmanagement company V Ships.

IMC chairman Frederick Tsao said: "This is the most well-attended reception I've attended in a long, long, time. The last time was in Hong Kong in the 1970s."

Nearly 500 representatives from the shipping industry registered for the conference, more than 50% more than last year's inaugural Shipping China conference.

Lillestolen said: "There is a good number of participants and we are seeing shipping players from all continents."

Conference attendees included Italian shipowners Giuseppe Bottiglieri and Maurizio d'Amico. Then there was Atle Jebsen, Per Arneberg and Camilla and

Elisabeth Grieg from Norway and senior executives including Mohammad Souri of the National Iranian Tanker Co, Carl-Otto Dahlberg of Stena, Simon Hill of Petredec and Jang Ming Gao of Hebei Ocean Shipping and Sinotrans's Wang Chunlin.

The conference had a global atmosphere to it, with delegates coming from countries as widespread as Sudan, Russia, Greece, Norway, Singapore, the US, Indonesia, Jordan, South Africa, Australia and the UK.

Conference attendees represented many sectors such as shipowning, chartering, agencies, broking, insurance and banking, as well as a wide cross-section of the market including tankers, bulkers and container-ships.

The objective of Shipping China 2005 is to address the development of maritime business in China and to offer participants the opportunity to meet with influential operators from China as well as abroad.