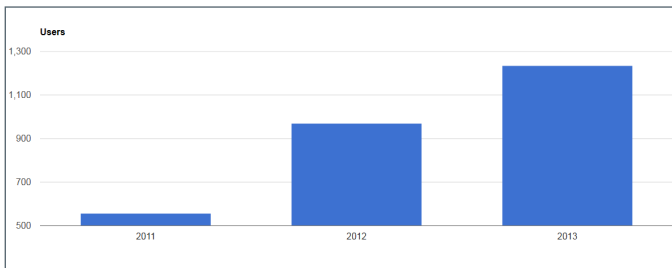


SAFEMED III: EURO-MED COOPERATION PICKS UP PACE

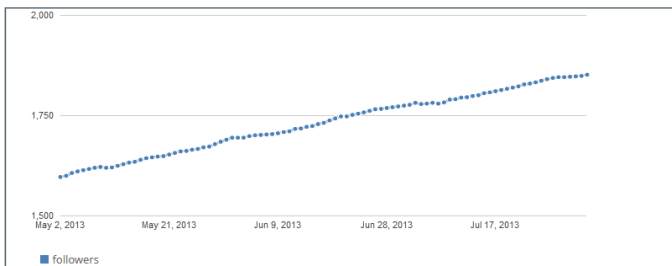
The **SAFEMED III** project designed to boost maritime safety and ship pollution prevention in non-EU Mediterranean countries is meeting on 11 September at EMSA's premises to identify the expectations of beneficiary countries over the project's three-year running period. Regional and country-tailored assistance will be provided to Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia. Already for the latter part of 2013, six technical events are to be held: implementation of MARPOL Annexes I, II, III, V (16-18 Sept); workshop addressing ISPS code and institutional capacity (1-2 Oct); seminar on "Enforcement of prohibition of ship source pollution" (29-30 Oct); information day on CleanSeaNet (19 Nov); Maritime Labour Convention 2006 seminar (25-26 Nov), training on Flag State implementation (10-13 Dec). EMSA was recently given the task of implementing SAFEMED III by the European Commission.

SUBSCRIBERS AND FOLLOWERS ON THE RISE

The figures released in EMSA's web statistics over the January-June 2013 period reveal some interesting facts. The total number of visits amounts to 135,903, of which 85,542 are unique visitors. Some 387,820 pages were viewed overall (2.85 pages per visit). The average time on the site is 2 minutes and 36 seconds. The largest number of visitors to EMSA's website is from Portugal, followed by Belgium and Spain. On 1 August, those keen to follow EMSA's up-to-the-minute news through Twitter stood at 1,851, a figure that increases day to day. In the short period between 2 May and 1 August 2013, around 200 followers joined EMSA's social media.

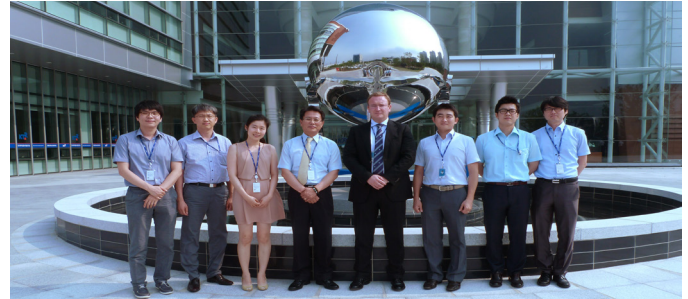


Newsletter subscriptions jumped from 557 in 2011 to 1,234 in June 2013



Twitter followers: expanding steadily

RULECHECK: MAKING SHIP INSPECTIONS LESS COMPLEX AND MORE EFFECTIVE



Korean Register headquarters in Busan, South Korea

EMSA released a new version of RuleCheck in August 2013. As the reference decision support tool for Port State Control officers within the Paris MoU, the system contributes to the standardisation of inspections and uniformity in the enforcement of IMO and ILO instruments. Under the current contract signed between EMSA and the Korean Register (KR), a meeting took place at the KR headquarters in Busan on 30-31 July. The aim was to define future updates and developments of RuleCheck, and in particular align its functionalities to the entry into force of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.

EQUASIS ANNUAL REPORT: THE WORLD FLEET IN FIGURES



Equasis Supervisory Committee meeting, June 2013

The new Equasis annual report for 2012, released this month, provides a picture of the world's merchant fleet using data derived from the **Equasis database**. The report looks at the make-up of the fleet as well as its performance. The statistics are grouped into themes which could be of interest to industry and regulators, covering: the fleet population; classification societies; P&I clubs; Port State Control; trade associations and vetting programmes. Executive Director, Markku Mylly attended the Equasis Supervisory Committee meeting in June for the first time. EMSA represents the European Commission in the Equasis governing body and has been hosting the Equasis management unit since 2008.



Procurement: Development of a tool for spatial and temporal statistical analysis of the potential oil pollutions detected in Europe; Provision of video production services for IMDATE