

### FIRST HIGH LEVEL VISIT TO NEW LISBON HEADQUARTERS



*From right to left: Dr Manuel Frasquilho, Prof. António Carmona Rodrigues and Willem de Ruiter.*

On 4<sup>th</sup> May, Executive Director Willem de Ruiter welcomed his two first high level visitors to the new EMSA headquarters building in Lisbon. Professor António Carmona Rodrigues, mayor of Lisbon and Doctor Manuel Frasquilho, president of the Lisbon port authority had the opportunity to tour the new facilities. The visit was also an opportunity to discuss the future location of EMSA, at Cais do Sodré, in the historic centre of the city.

### TRAINING ON MARITIME LEGISLATION FOR NEWCOMERS

A session on "training on EU maritime legislation for newcomers" was held in Brussels on 19-20<sup>th</sup> April for participants from the Member States that acceded on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2004. The training session aimed at providing a basic overview of, and familiarisation with, EU maritime legislation. The objective was to allow the staff of national maritime administrations to become acquainted with the EU legal framework for maritime safety and security, as well as with the different parties involved in the creation and the implementation of the legislation. Presentations were delivered by EMSA staff and, as the Member States expressed their interest in further such training, a follow-up session will be organised in the Autumn.

### WILLEM DE RUITER AT CHINESE MARITIME EVENT

On 20<sup>th</sup> April, EMSA Executive Director Willem de Ruiter attended the Shenzhen International Maritime Forum, having been invited by the Chinese maritime safety administration. The two day event was based around the theme of "Qualified seafarers" and, among the invitees was IMO secretary general Efthymios

Mitropoulos. While there, Mr de Ruiter presented the role of EMSA, especially in the field of assessing the maritime training systems of third countries. At present, China provides 500,000 seafarers to the global fleet, compared to the EU 90,000. On 21<sup>st</sup> April, on the invitation of the Hong Kong shipowners association, Mr de Ruiter also gave a presentation to their members on the work of EMSA. The presentation was well received and can be the basis for further exchanges in the future.

### PUBLICATION OF CALL FOR TENDERS FOR SATELLITE MONITORING

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April, EMSA launched an open call for tenders for the provision of satellite monitoring services. The purpose is to ensure improved marine oil spill detection and surveillance in EU waters. A significant objective is to be able to better detect illegal discharges in EU waters, as EMSA was tasked with doing so following the approval of Directive 2005/35/EC on ship-sourced pollution. A copy of the invitation to tender can be found in the procurement section of the EMSA website.

### AGENCY ATTRACTS INTEREST OF YOUNG EUROPEANS

Young Europeans are showing an increasing interest in maritime safety and the work of EMSA. For example, a thesis on the Agency has been presented at the Bruges campus of College of Europe. Under the supervision of Professor Olivier Costa, Javier Fernandez Gonzalez has worked on this theme: "What role for the European Agency in the EU Maritime Safety Policy?" Requests for traineeships are also numerous, but EMSA is not yet in a position to take these forward.

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