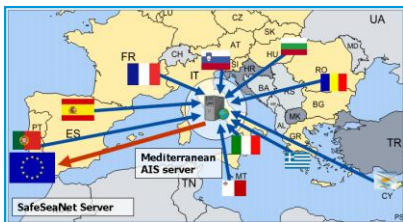


MEDITERRANEAN AIS SYSTEM SHOWCASED

The Mediterranean Coast Guard Services Forum in Genoa was the showcase for the results of



coordinating work on a common Mediterranean AIS system. Development began in November 2005, at an EMSA-organised workshop with experts representing Mediterranean Member States (Cyprus, Greece, France, Italy, Malta, Slovenia and Spain), Black Sea Member States (Bulgaria and Romania) plus Portugal. The project coordinated development on national AIS traffic monitoring infrastructure, and has ensured interaction between systems. The new common system - hosted at premises offered by Italy - was delivered to participating Member States in December 2008. The establishment of a Mediterranean Sea network is considered part of a wider system. By July 2009, the Med AIS network will be integrated into EMSA's [SafeSeaNet](#) service.

EMSA SIGNS LRIT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH IMSO



Captain Esteban Pacha-Vicente, IMSO Director General and Willem de Ruiter, Executive Director of EMSA

On 27 May, EMSA signed an LRIT Services Agreement with the [International Mobile Satellite Organization](#) (IMSO). IMSO oversees public satellite safety and security communication services provided via the Inmarsat satellites. The agreement establishes the relationship between IMSO, as the LRIT Coordinator appointed by IMO for the audit and review of all data centres, and the [EU LRIT Data Centre](#). LRIT Service Agreements have already been signed by IMSO with Chile, Panama and Turkey. IMSO is currently negotiating with other LRIT Data Centres to ensure the timely and successful implementation of the LRIT system. The IMSO Director General Captain Esteban Pacha-Vicente paid tribute to the spirit of cooperation which prevailed during the development of the Services Agreement with EMSA.

EMSA SIGNS LEASE, MAKES SWIFT MOVE TO NEW PREMISES

On April 24 EMSA signed the lease agreement with the Lisbon Port Authority for its new riverside headquarters in central Lisbon. The signing represented the end of a process begun in



December 2003 when the European Council decided that the seat of the Agency would be in Lisbon. After setting up IT and equipment infrastructure, removals took place in the third week of May. On Monday 25 May, it was 'business as usual' for the Agency's 200 staff in Lisbon. The Agency hopes many readers of this newsletter will experience the new premises in person over the coming years at workshops, seminars and meetings. See our [new address](#).

GALP MARINE IN 'MERO 2009' EXERCISE

On June 5, the EMSA-contracted oil spill response vessel [Galp Marine](#) participates in the 'MERO 2009' exercise (Madeira Island), which simulates the recovery of spilled fuel.



MED COAST GUARD FORUM AND INTERSPILL

At the first [Mediterranean Coast Guard Services Forum](#) (6-7 May, Genoa), [Transport Commissioner Tajani](#) announced that EMSA's cooperation with third States neighbouring the European Union will increase, particularly in the Mediterranean region. Other contributions were made by Fotis Karamitsos (European Commission) and Willem de Ruiter (EMSA). The Agency's stand featured a demonstration of [STIRES](#) in the Mediterranean. Another EMSA team attended the [Interspill 2009](#) exhibition (12-14 May, Marseilles). Participation included workshops, stakeholder meetings, and the premiere of a new oil spill response video. EMSA's Executive Director gave the keynote address on current Agency activities in oil spill response and preparedness.

ON THE EMSA WEBSITE

Read about EMSA's [EU LRIT Data Centre](#) in a new 4-page brochure.

Access a new booklet on EMSA's [Service Network of Stand-by Oil Spill Response Vessels](#), together with info sheets about EMSA's 14 oil spill response vessels.



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