

Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council goes to *Shortsea European Conference 2013*

Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council President Martin Fournier has been invited to speak at the ***Shortsea European Conference 2013***. He will discuss shortsea shipping's developments on the St. Lawrence River, the Council's work and its overall aims.

The ***Shortsea European Conference 2013***, to be held March 14 in Paris, is organized by the Shortsea and Intermodality Promotion Center (BP2S) in France in collaboration with the European Shortsea Network (ESN). The day before the event, the Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council has been invited to participate in a meeting of the European Shortsea Shipping Network. This meeting will help create ties and provides an opportunity to discuss shortsea shipping's promotion.



Workshop on marine transport operation

The Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council is organizing a workshop to explain how marine transport operates to analysts with the Technical standardization division of *Transports Québec*. This division is in charge of issuing licenses for the transportation of oversized and non-standard cargo. The workshop's goal is to explain how marine transport works and present existing shortsea shipping services to raise the analysts' awareness of the marine transport option.

Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council participates in Consultation Table on Workload Standards and Dimensions

SLS Executive Director Martin Fournier has been invited to represent the Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council on *Transports Québec's* Consultation Table on Workload Standards and Dimensions. The Consultation Table's objective is to discuss issues regarding workload standards and dimensions and to find solutions.

Time for recommendations

At the Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council's last meeting, a new committee was created to analyze the context in which shortsea shipping is evolving and make recommendations to help implement and develop SSS services. The five-member committee will present its recommendations to the Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council in the spring.

Shortsea Shipping abroad

Ireland heads European Shortsea Network: Priorities



European Shortsea Network



The Shortsea Promotion Centre of Ireland, which has headed the European Shortsea Network since January 2013, has already announced its priorities. First and foremost, Ireland wishes to monitor work currently being done on the *Blue Belt* project, which is to be presented under Ireland's chairmanship. The *Blue Belt* is a pilot project aimed at reducing administrative procedures for shortsea shipping. Currently, 250 ships have volunteered to take part in the project.

The Shortsea Promotion Center of Ireland's second priority is to conclude an agreement with the European Parliament on the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) and its funding. The TEN-T is a program for developing transportation infrastructures in the European Union.

The Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council will monitor these issues and keep you informed.

Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council

Winter 2013

The *Shortsea Shipping, Current and Future – 2013* conference welcomes speakers from Europe, the United States and Canada

The **preliminary program** of the **Shortsea Shipping, Current and Future - 2013** conference to be held at the Hyatt Regency in Montreal on March 19-20, 2013 is now available. The conference will feature speakers from Europe, the United States and Canada.

Organized by the St. Lawrence Shipoperators (SLS) under the theme Integrating Marine Transport into the Supply Chain, the conference offers an excellent opportunity for discussing shortsea shipping and its development. Shortsea shipping fits perfectly into the context of multimodal transportation development designed to increase environmental efficiency and reduce road congestion and road network maintenance costs. Researchers around the world agree that, in the coming years, the different transportation modes will have to work together to face the challenges that lie ahead. This conference offers an excellent opportunity to address this situation.

SSS conference topics will include:

- SSS development - solutions to obstacles and constraints
- Favourable conditions and contexts
- SSS development and promotion
- Regulations
- Support programs
- Case studies

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