

Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport Portorož (University of Ljubljana)



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Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia



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will be organizing:

1st Adriatic Workshop on Invasive Aquatic Species Surveys in Ports & Decision Support System for Ballast Water Management

Portorož (Slovenia), 20th October 2005

Background:

Following preliminary results of the first phase of the Slovenian national research project “Decision model and control of ballast water management in the Slovenian Sea” (L2-6291) and the Conclusions of the 1st and 2nd meeting of the Trilateral Ballast Water Management Sub Commission (which were adopted by Trilateral Commission for the Protection of the Adriatic Sea at the Meeting held in Portorož on 04th and 05th May 2005), it was recognized the need to intensively continue concerted action on the ballast water issue in the Adriatic Sea and proceed to conduct Invasive Aquatic Species (IAS) Surveys in Ports. This is one of the critical issues for the Ballast Water Risk Assessment (BWRA) and Decision Support System (DSS), as well as it was recognized especially important in the view of preparation of solid grounds for introduction of common protective measures (Ballast Water Management) in the Adriatic in the light of the foreseen implementation of the IMO *International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments*.

The Faculty of Maritime studies and Transportation Portorož (University of Ljubljana) has invited internationally recognized experts, prof. dr. Chad Hewitt and dr. Stephan Gollasch, to share their experience with participants of this workshop. Prof. dr. Chad Hewitt was one of the leading scientists in IAS baseline surveys of Australian ports, as well as for the GloBallast program demonstration ports and preparation of the sampling protocol. Prof. dr. Chad Hewitt and dr. Stephan Gollasch have a long experience with IAS issues, especially with ballast water as a vector. In their researches both focused also on BWRA, DSS and BWM.

Workshop aims:

Experience from previous researches shown that sampling for IAS in ports have different specifics, therefore requires specific approach (protocol). As this is relatively new issue, there is no uniform protocol agreed worldwide. Therefore it is very important for all Adriatic countries to learn from experience, and to find a most appropriate protocol for Adriatic ports. This will offer solid grounds for data exchange and common approach in the BWM in this region.

After presentations, group discussions will offer participants to exchange their experience and views.

Participants:

Faculty of Maritime studies and Transportation Portorož (University of Ljubljana) is inviting experts from Marine Biology Station Piran (National Institute of Biology) and countries representatives and appointed relevant experts for the Ballast Water Management Sub Commission.

Catering:

Drink (tea/coffee/juice/water) and snacks will be provided.

Venue:

Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, University of Ljubljana
Pot pomorščakov 4,
6320 Portorož
Slovenia



AGENDA

16.00h - Start

Introduction

Mr. Matej David (Faculty of Maritime studies and Transportation, University of Ljubljana)

Session I. – Baseline Survey & Monitoring

Prof. dr. Chad Hewitt: IAS Baseline survey protocols

1. round table discussion
2. identification and recognition of outstanding issues
3. conclusions

Issues to be considered:

- do we have a protocol that can be implemented in the Adriatic ports;
- what else is needed to start with baseline surveys in Adriatic ports;

Expertise needed:

- experts from relevant research institutes;
- representatives from the government.

Session II. – Baseline Survey & Monitoring in the context of BWRA, DSS and BWM

Mr. Matej David: Baseline Survey & Monitoring in the context of BWRA, DSS and BWM

Working procedure:

1. round table discussion
2. identification and recognition of outstanding issues
3. conclusions

Issues to be considered:

- effective use of data on IAS in ports for BWRA and BWM;
- effective exchange of data between ports and/or institutes;

Expertise needed:

- experts from relevant research institutes;
- representatives from the government.

End workshop – after finished discussions and conclusions



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