



# MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE

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## E-BULLETIN



Dear seafarers!

Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine takes care of you and your families not only when you are ashore, but while you are in the seas. In order to keep you informed about our work, we develop this monthly E-BULLETIN which tells you about all the activities and events conducted by our Union. We're always happy to get feedback from you – any suggestions or proposals are welcome!

Yours sincerely,  
Oleg Grygoriuk  
First Vice Chairman  
MTWTU



### MLC discussions in Kyiv

On February 4 Kiev hosted the public hearings, where one of the topics was Ratification of the ILO Maritime Labor Convention, 2006. At the invitation of the Public Council under the Ministry of Social Policy, the First Vice Chairman MTWTU Oleg Grygoriuk participated in the abovementioned meeting.

Once again all participants of the public hearings took unanimous decision on soonest ratification of the ILO MLC, 2006, thus fulfilling the provisions of the Action Plan for the implementation of the European Union Association Agreement.

### MTWTU / CMA Ships meeting

On February 17 the MTWTU held meeting with the representatives of CMA Ships UK – the branch of French shipowning company CMA CGM.

The meeting was attended by Simon Spacey, Managing Director of CMA Ships UK, Eugene Tyupikov, Director of the branch office CMA Ships Ukraine, Oleg Grygoriuk, First Vice Chairman



MTWTU and Nataliya Yefrimenko, ITF Inspector in Ukraine.

The parties discussed the terms of cooperation for the year of 2016 and reached certain agreements.



### Seminar for seafarers

On February 18 the MTWTU invited the seafarers, Trade Union members, to the Seminar. The MTWTU management and lawyers as well as special guests invited provided the seafarers with overview of the current state of maritime business and with the report on the Union's work at both national and international levels.

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The other topics were raised at the Seminar too, namely: training and certification of seafarers, legal issues seafarers face more often than others, as well as some of innovations in Tax Legislation.

More than 70 seafarers received reliable information that in the future would help them address both working and social issues.



### **Ongoing meetings with cadets**

More than 200 cadets of the National University of “Odessa Maritime Academy” were gathered by the MTWTU. Oleg Grygoriuk, First Vice Chairman of the Union, informed the future seafarers about the MTWTU activities and work of the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), the current state of the maritime industry, as well as about what one should pay attention to before signing a contract.



### **Weekend with the Union**

The Union arranged a real holiday for children of seafarers, registered with MTWTU. Two hundred children visited

the children's entertainment complex IGROLAND, where they could



participate in various fun games and contests, enjoy entertaining program and prize lottery. The parents thank the Union for a lot of fun and unforgettable memories their children gained today.



### **Additions to the ranks of seafarers**

Oleg Grygoriuk, First Vice Chairman MTWTU, took part in the solemn awarding of diplomas to the cadets of the National University “Odessa Maritime Academy”.



Being himself the Academy graduate, Oleg Grygoriuk addressed the future seafarers with parting words and kind wishes.