

MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE

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Dear seafarers!

Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine takes care of you and your families not only when you are ashore, but when you are at the sea. In order to keep you informed about our activities, we designed this monthly E-BULLETIN which guides you through all our achievements and events provided by our Union. Any suggestions and proposal are welcome. Stay connected!

Yours sincerely, Oleg Grygoriuk
First Vice Chairman
MTWTU



The International Conference on the implementation of the MLC, 2006 was held in Odessa

One of the most significant events in the maritime life of Ukraine was held on June 30 in Odessa. At the initiative of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine was organized the International Conference on the Implementation of the ILO Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, (MLC, 2006).

Among the participants were:

- Jacqueline Smith, ITF Maritime Coordinator,
- John Canias, ITF Head of Maritime Operations,
- Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, President of the World Maritime University,
- Bernhard Lie-Nielsen, Senior Negotiator of Norwegian Maritime Officers Association,
- Michael Kirieiev, Chairman of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine,
- Oleg Grygoriuk, First Vice Chairman of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine,
- Sergei Savchuk, ILO National Coordinator in Ukraine, as well as representatives of international trade unions, the Ukrainian authorities, employers and representatives of higher maritime educational institutions.

Jacqueline Smith, ITF Maritime Coordinator said: "If regulations are the same for everyone, then there's a lot less possibilities of abuse for the seafarers. So this

conference now is hopefully going to encourage the current government to ratify the MLC, 2006. And the next step of course is going to be a national step, is going to be for the Government to make their decision. It comes down to political will, because all the technical aspects we can work together on, are resolving, and I think that Ukrainian society is ready for the Convention to be ratified", – said Jacqueline Smith. Oleg Grygoriuk, First Vice Chairman MTWTU, has noted a fairly high level of the conference and expressed hope that soon the Ukrainian seafarers will receive the truly deserved level of recognition.



The MTWTU hosted the delegations of the foreign trade unions

In late June, at the premises of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine, there has been held a number of meetings between the MTWTU and the representatives of the fraternal ITF trade unions.



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The following trade unionists have visited Odessa these days:

- Patrice Caron, Executive Vice President, Seafarers' International Union of Canada;
- Predrag Brazzoduro, General Secretary, Seafarers' Union of Croatia;
- Romano Peric and Mario Sarac, ITF Inspectors, Croatia;
- Yasumi Morita, President of All Japan Seamen's Union;
- Hiroyuki Watanabe Director of Oceangoing Seafarers Department, All Japan Seamen's Union.



In the center of attention was the practical application of the Memorandums of Understanding, provided by the policy of the International Transport Workers' Federation as a mean of strengthening cooperation between the ITF affiliated unions.

Odessa celebrated the professional holiday of sea and river fleet workers



On July 3 our Country celebrated the Day of the Naval Forces of Ukraine and the Day of Sea and River Fleet Workers. The celebration took place in Odessa and hosted the President and the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko.

The opening ceremony of the feast in Odessa Passenger Terminal was as well attended by the Minister of Defence Stepan Poltorak. Among the guests of honor – the Chairman of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine Michael Kirieiev and his First Vice Chairman

Oleg Grygoriuk.

The ships have raised the flag of the State of Ukraine, and seafarers laid flowers on the water in memory of those, who have not returned from military campaigns.

Festive celebration of the Day of Sea and River Fleet Workers

The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine congratulated all the workers, whose fate is connected to the sea and river fleet, with their professional holiday. The solemn event on the occasion brought together numerous foreign guests, Ukrainian seafarers and workers of enterprises, organizations and maritime transport institutions.



Opening the solemn event, the MTWTU Chairman Michael Kirieiev said: “The life of Ukraine as a maritime power cannot be imagined without vessels, ports, scientific, research and design institutions, maritime educational institutions. These are tens of thousands of people who have added many glorious pages to the history of our country. I wish to you all consent, good health, happiness, family warmth and well-being. Your daily work and loyalty to the chosen path deserve great respect”.



Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine took part in the National Spartakiada of Transport Workers

Spartakiada which took place from 15 to 19 June

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2016 in the seaside resort of Albena, and has been arranged by the fellow ITF trade union – the Federation of Transport Trade Unions in Bulgaria.



Our Union has been represented by the team of maritime industry employees – members of MTWTU, headed by Oleg Grygoriuk, First Vice Chairman MTWTU.

On the very first day the MTWTU 2016 has proved the fact that the Ukrainian participants are worthy contenders, customized to win. In table tennis tournament the Ukrainian team left no chance to anyone in both single and double events, winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Two golds the MTWTU won in swimming tournament. We have shown the best results both in the individual class and in the relay. Two more golds came from athletics and men's championship in classical chess.

The MTWTU team showed a great game in streetball, petanque and rope-pulling, becoming a silver champion of the tournament.



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY IN IGROLAND

The first of June marks not only the arrival of the warm season, but on this day we all celebrate the International Children's Day, when kids around the globe receive gifts and sweets.

The MTWTU as well congratulated the children of seafarers, registered with the Union, with the International Children's Day. The kids received an opportunity to have fun in the family entertainment complex "Igroland".

The program the Union developed offered them numerous



presents and surprises, participation in various entertaining competitions, and opportunity to take pictures with their favorite cartoon characters.



Day of the Seafarer 2016 with the Union

Every year on June 25 we celebrate the International Day of the Seafarer. Traditionally, the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine arranges festive celebration for seafarers, members of the Union, and their families, and this time at the "Hawaii" waterpark.

Congratulating the seafarers with the holiday, the First Vice Chairman MTWTU Oleg Grygoriuk said: "We are always open to communication with seafarers and their families. The events we organize more often from year to year, let us unite our members, learn about their problems and their joys, and allow us to assist, if needed. Everything the Union does today, aims to protect and support the seafarers".



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