

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



25 YEARS OF LABOR RIGHTS PROTECTION

On January 30, 2017 the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine celebrated its 25th Anniversary since the foundation.

The solemn Plenum of the MTWTU Central Council, held the same day, gathered together the chairmen of the local Trade Union organizations, ordinary MTWTU members, maritime veterans, foreign partners, representatives of the State and the fraternal ITF trade unions.

Among the foreign guests who came to congratulate the MTWTU were:

- David Heindel, Seafarers' Section Chairman, International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF); Secretary-Treasurer, Seafarers International Union of North America (SIUNA);
- Steve Trowsdale, ITF Inspectorate Coordinator;



- Marc Loridan, President, BTB Section Port of Antwerp;
Federal Secretary for the BTB Belgian ports;
- Monique Verbeeck, Secretary, BTB Section Port of Antwerp;
- Patrice Caron, Executive Vice President, Seafarers' International Union of Canada;
- Bernhard Lie-Nielsen, Senior Negotiator, Norwegian Maritime Officers Association;
- Line Heimstad, Union Officer and Adviser, Norwegian Seafarers Union;
- Hege-Merethe Bengtsson, Managing Director and Attorney at Law, Norwegian Union of Marine Engineers;
- Neven Melvan, Head of National Department, Head of Split SUC Office, Seafarers' Union of Croatia;
- Romano Peric, ITF Coordinator, Seafarers' Union of Croatia;
- Vladimir Miladinov, ITF Inspector, Federation of Transport Trade Unions in Bulgaria;
- Francesco Gargiulo, Chief Executive Officer, International Maritime Employers' Council (IMEC);
- Alfred von der Hoeh, IMEC Vice-Chairman; General Manager, Marlow Navigation;
- Giles Heimann, Corporate Director – Fleet Personnel, Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement;
- Erwin Meijnders, Human Recourses Manager – Crew Department, Spliethoff;
- Simon Spacey, Managing Director (Crewing), CMA Ships UK Limited.

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MTWTU strengthens international cooperation

As part of the Solemn Plenum of the MTWTU Central Council, held in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary since the foundation of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine, the representatives of the fraternal ITF trade unions from Canada, Belgium, Croatia, Bulgaria, Norway and North America visited the Union office in Odessa.

During the meetings, the MTWTU leadership managed to renew relationships with two fraternal trade unions – Belgian Transport Workers' Union BTB and Seafarers' International Union of North America (SIUNA) – as well as to sign the Memorandums of Understanding.

“This is another opportunity for us to strengthen our international ties, to demonstrate the transparency and openness of our work, as well as our desire to develop”, – Oleg Grygoriuk commented on the results of the meeting.

Recall that the Memorandums of Understanding between the trade unions of countries where the beneficial ownership is located (like BTB and SIUNA) and the unions of labor supplying countries (like MTWTU) are part of the ITF Mexico City Policy, aimed at strengthening bilateral relations between the trade unions.

It is important to note that the MTWTU has already signed a number of MoUs with the fraternal ITF trade unions.



Information seminar for seafarers

The MTWTU held an information seminar for seafarers registered with the Union, where the speakers were: MTWTU First Vice Chairman Oleg Grygoriuk, Assistant to MTWTU Chairman Sergei



Kazantsev, MTWTU Legal Advisor Yuliia Pelykh, Highest-Category Doctor Lyudmila Kucherenko and ITF Inspector in Ukraine Nataliya Yefrimenko.

Seafarers received actual information on MTWTU activities, on the amendments to the MLC, 2006 with respect to abandonment, on medical examinations. Some legal issues were also discussed, as well as HIV-related and other health concerns of seafarers.

The Union is committed to provide our seafarers with the most relevant information related to their employment.



National Bank of Ukraine simplified financial operations for Ukrainians

From February 25, 2017 individuals are able to place currency incomes received abroad on accounts in foreign banks without a personal license of the NBU.

The license is not required to invest abroad from the funds outside of Ukraine. Recall that in accordance with the current legislation, investments may take the following forms: the formation of legal entities abroad, the acquisition of corporate rights and securities, of property rights to real estate situated outside Ukraine, etc.

At the same time, individual, as before, must have an individual NBU license to transfer funds outside the Ukraine in order to invest or place it to the foreign accounts.

The NBU also said that regardless of the possibility of holding transactions abroad individuals are to declare income and pay taxes in Ukraine in line with the Ukrainian law.

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Meet the superheroes

This month the MTWTU again invited the seafarers, registered with the Union, together with their families to watch another anticipated premiere of The LEGO Batman Movie.



Of course, exactly the young spectators were the most happy to see this cartoon with stunning, colorful graphics and contemporary humor.



MTWTU office welcomes young guests

Seafarers and their families are always very welcome at the MTWTU office, and on the eve of New Year holidays among the many guests of the Union were children of seafarers, MTWTU members.

It is well known that on the eve of Saint Nicholas' Day children put a boot outside the front door, and St. Nicholas fills the boot with gifts and sweets overnight, and at the same time checks up on the children to see if they were good, polite and helpful the last year.



To celebrate this wonderful holiday the Welfare Fund of Maritime Transport "MORTRANS", supported by the MTWTU, decided to congratulate all the children, visiting the Union office with a memorable gift – a stuffed toy Rooster – the symbol of the new coming year.



Magic of New Year fairy-tale

Traditionally the MTWTU invited the children of seafarers, registered with the Union to the New Year fairy performance. This time the Union organized 11 matinees, attended in total by 5500 seafarers' children.

This year the Odessa Sea Commercial Port Exhibition Complex introduced its new musical – the story of Ariel's Crystal Voice.

Seafarers' children could also enjoy the fun contests with riddles from Santa Claus, and their parents could capture the memorable moment in several photo zones to keep the memory of this wonderful day for years to come. By tradition, at the end of the matinee all the kids received sweet gifts from Santa Claus.



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