



Report of Branch Meeting & Technical Paper Presentation

The first RINA UAE Branch meeting and technical paper presentation for 2018 was organized at Ball Room, Grand Excelsior Hotel, Dubai on 7th Feb 2018.

Two (2) papers were presented.

John W. McKain B.Sc (Hons), C.Eng, FRINA, MIESIS, Global Ship-owner Newbuilding Support Manager and Regional Consultancy Manager (MEA) for Lloyd's Register EMEA presented the paper **Supporting Owners through the "Quagmire" of Regulations**. The paper gave a general overview of the support given to ship-owners will be presented along with a time line of the upcoming Regulations and a few of the more imminent or complex issues will be highlighted and discussed. Mr.

David J Dubois, Business Development Director, Al Marakeb Boats EST – MAP Marine Technologies gave a product presentation for **Marine Auto-Pilot and Unmanned Surface Vehicle Solution**. Mr. Dubois presented MAP-Pro, the unmanned vessel control System developed by Al Marakeb Boats and integration of various vessel systems to the control module.

Exalto Emirates, one of the largest providers of quality marine equipment supported the event and Mr. John R.W. Paul, General Manager presented brief on company's activities.

Over 60 attendees including members and invited guests were present and interacted with the speakers. Rajesh Panicker, RINA UAE Branch Secretary opened the proceedings of the evening and introduced speakers and their topics.

Mr. Ashik Subahani, Chairman (RINA UAE Branch) presented mementos from RINA-UAE Branch to the day's speakers and to the supporting partner.

Event proceedings were closed with dinner.

Photos of the event are attached.

Reported by:

Rajesh Panicker
Hon. Secretary- RINA-UAE Branch

10 February 2018.



EVENT PHOTOS



John McKain making a Point



Presentation by David Dubois



The Speakers



Mr. Ashik Subahani presenting Memento to John McKain



UAE Branch Chairman presenting Memento to David Dubois



UAE Branch Chairman presenting Memento to John R.W. Paul, GM (Exalto Emirates)

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Members and Guests



Attendees for the Branch Meeting+ Presentation



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