

## IMO launches 'Bookshelf' CD

A new CD from IMO Publishing includes all IMO publications in electronic format.

Suitable for use on board ship, the IMO Bookshelf includes all titles in English (and some in French and Spanish) in e-reader format. Once the IMO Bookshelf and free e-reader software have been installed on a PC, the entire library can be searched; titles can then be purchased individually and unlocked.

The IMO Bookshelf is compiled in a similar manner to electronic charts, where all charts are available in locked form and can be unlocked as required. Users can gain access to IMO titles anywhere in the world at any time of the day or night.

Major titles such as SOLAS, MARPOL, the IAMSAR Manual, the GMDSS Handbook, Ships' Routing and the IMDG Code are included. All are exact copies of the printed book and comply with the IMO requirements on carriage of publications on board ships (MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2, 1 June 2006): "The publications may be carried in the form of electronic media such as CD-ROM in lieu of hard copies. Acceptable publications in electronic form should be those issued by IMO or an Administration or a body authorized by an Administration to ensure correctness of their contents and to safeguard against illegal copying."

Typically, a flag State will have similar requirements for the acceptance of publications in electronic format.

The IMO Bookshelf uses the EBK format adopted by industry organizations such as OCIMF, INTERTANKO, SIGTTO and the International Chamber of Shipping. It was created in partnership with Witherby Seamanship, which has been involved in producing, protecting and publishing e-books for more than 10 years.

The IMO Bookshelf CD was specifically developed for the efficient control and management of technical and regulatory publications on board ships. All titles have been tagged, and precise regulations or guidance can be found in seconds. Users of the CD have access to an additional search functionality which returns a small excerpt of text from any relevant IMO title, whether unlocked or not, and provides the opportunity to purchase the right titles to meet the immediate need. The product, including the e-reader software, may also be downloaded. The e-reader software is for Windows use: Mac users will need to use a Windows emulator in order to view the files.

The IMO Bookshelf is suitable for shipowners, operators and management companies and complements many other electronic products, such as the digital chart corrections and digital regulations that ships may already be using. The IMO Bookshelf accommodates synchronization, to obtain updates such as errata or free material.

E-reader files have the following features:

- installation available without internet access
- advanced search facilities



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## Former Secretary-General to get 2011 International Maritime Prize

The IMO Council has unanimously agreed to award the prestigious International Maritime Prize for 2011 to Mr. E.E. Mitropoulos, Secretary-General Emeritus of IMO, Secretary-General of the Organization from 2004 to 2011, for his significant contribution to the work of IMO during a long and distinguished career with the Organization.

In nominating his candidature, the Government of Greece drew attention to Mr. Mitropoulos's many achievements, which have resulted in increased worldwide recognition of IMO's organizational effectiveness and efficiency as a UN body. The nomination highlighted his strong and insistent advocacy of a united Membership and the adoption of an effective global maritime safety and security culture,

environmental consciousness and corporate responsibility, noting in particular the efforts made by the Organization under his leadership to assist in the prevention and suppression of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships, including the adoption of guidance to shipowners, ship operators, shipmasters and crew, as well as recommendations to Governments.

The nomination also stressed Mr. Mitropoulos's advocacy and foresight in working towards the protection of the environment, whether marine or atmospheric; enhancing maritime security; improving the efficiency of maritime traffic; ensuring the consideration of relevant legal matters and fostering and promoting global acceptance and uniform, effective

implementation and enforcement of IMO's treaty instruments, including through the provision of technical assistance to developing countries, as well as the establishment of a scheme for auditing IMO Member States' maritime Administrations.

### International Maritime Prize

The International Maritime Prize is awarded annually by IMO to the individual or organization judged to have made the most significant contribution to the work and objectives of IMO. It consists of a sculpture in the form of a dolphin and includes a financial award, upon submission of a paper written on a subject relevant to IMO.

The prize will be presented to Mr. Mitropoulos on 27 November 2012.