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Mari-Tech 2012, Canada's marine technical conference and exhibition, an annual event which showcases technology and business developments, opened with a bang on April 10th. Held in Ottawa's Hampton Inn & Conference Centre, it was the largest in the 33 year history of the event with over 500 delegates 25 paper presentations and 50 exhibitors.

The event was co-hosted by the Canadian Institute of Marine Engineering and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Eastern Canadian Section. The two organizations teamed to ensure the widest range of interest in the conference. Interviewed on April 10th, Jeffrey Smith, the CIMarE National Council Chair and Mari-Tech 2012 Co-Chair remarked, "We have a unique, highly regarded mix of people from government, industry, professional services and academic at the conference. It's a real opportunity to get up to speed on technical advances and exchange ideas."

Mari-Tech 2012 included an exhibition hall with more than 50 industry suppliers and firms, simultaneous lectures, and several round-table panel sessions during the two full days of the event, April 10-11, 2012. Conference themes included marine safety, business systems improvements, and regulatory changes, with keynote speakers from the Canadian Coast Guard, the Royal Canadian Navy, and the government of Canada. The conference was further supplemented with 25 technical papers submitted by industry.

The event owes its success to the 18 volunteers from across industry. Many of these volunteers are SNAME ECS Young Professionals and Associate Members. Without the help of these volunteers, the conference could not have become the success it did.

Overall, the conference was very well received and has given the SNAME Eastern Canadian Section the confidence to plan and hold another event similar in magnitude in the coming future. Currently there are plans to host a Mari-Tech type conference in February 2013 focusing primarily on technical papers.

Thank you again to all attendees, volunteers, and the organizing committee. We hope to see you at the February Technical Paper Symposium.

