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SNAME Greek Section Hosts SOME Symposium

**Featured Presentations & Technical Papers on Ship Operations, Management & Economics
October 7-8 in Athens, Greece**

The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) Greek Section concluded its impressive Ship Operations, Management & Economics (SOME) Symposium on October 8.

This semi-annual international symposium, attended by over 120 maritime professionals from Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas, featured over 30 presentations and the release of substantial technical content. Prof Harilaos Psaraftis of the National Technical University of Athens served as Symposium Chair, dedicating many hours to organizing the event to its successful conclusion. SNAME President Keith Michel attended and presented a paper on ship design and efficiency.

2010 SOME Symposium Proceedings will be available shortly on www.sname.org.

SNAME Greek Section Chair Petros Lalangas declared the symposium a complete success. "This was a fabulous symposium," Lalangas said, "bringing SNAME to the forefront with members and nonmembers alike. The technical papers, presentations, and remarks provided tremendous insight. The work done here has already laid the groundwork for the 2012 SOME Symposium, and we at the Greek Section are already looking forward to the future."

The keynote address was provided by Mr. Harry Vafias, CEO of Athens-based Stealth Gas, Inc. Among other topics, Mr. Vafias remarked on the state of the Greek economy and its impact on maritime trades. "Of course, this situation affects the psychology of the shipowners who are based in Greece," Vafias said. "Their Headquarters are in Greece and their employees, the majority of them, are Greek. So, even if the shipping markets are doing well, which at the moment they are not, we get affected by this current situation and it creates a feeling of pessimism which is not good for the business spirit."

Vafias entire remarks are [available online](#).

Alana Anderson of SNAME HQ staff also attended and provided support. Her efforts were rewarded with over twenty new member applications, including over a dozen applications by Greek maritime graduate and undergraduate students.

Read more about the SOME Symposium (including information on all presentations) on www.sname.org/sname/greeksection.

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