18\textsuperscript{TH} INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SHIPS AND SHIPPING RESEARCH

TIME SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMME

\textit{The event is held under the patronage of the Italian Navy}
NAV 2015 – Time schedule

Wednesday, 24th June 2015
Campus of Lecco Branch of Politecnico di Milano
Main Hall

08.00 - 09.00 Registration
09.00 - 10.30 Conference Opening
Welcome addresses

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 - 13.00 Workshops
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Maritime Renewable Energies

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More Efficient & Greener Ships

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12.30 Buffet Lunch

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13.30 departure for visit to EXPO 2015

19.30 Conference Dinner

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17.30 Farewell Cocktail at Cannottieri Lecco
Conference Opening and Invited speeches

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Registration
Welcome addresses
- Prof. Marco Bocciolone, dean of Lecco Branch of Politecnico di Milano
- Dr. Vico Valassi, chairman of Lecco Chamber of Commerce
- Prof. Aristide Massardo, dean of Politechnic School of University of Genoa
- Adm. Giuseppe de Giorgi, Chief of General staff of the Italian Navy (t.b.c.)

Invited speech:
Alessandro Panaro, Head of Maritime and Mediterranean Economy, SRM
The Maritime Relations between Italy and Mediterranean area: the shocking phenomena

Time: 10.30 - Coffee Break
Warship Design & Technology I

Chairperson: Stefano Tortora, Italian Navy

The new Italian Navy shipbuilding program: an innovative approach to naval design
Sergio Simone

A distributed simulation framework for naval operations’ assessment
Davide Tozzi, Sergio Simone

Design of a modular Mission Bay for a multirole patrol vessel
Albino Grimaldi

Interceptor device for a high-speed displacing craft (comparison between CFD simulation and experimental data)
Fabio De Luca, Simone Mancini, Andrea Manfredini, Claudio Pensà, Raffaele Scognamiglio

The influence of the operational scenarios on the propulsion system selection in the preliminary naval ship design
Arcangelo Menna, Francesco Perra, Marco Altosole, Massimo Figari, Federica Piastra

An overview of innovative technologies onboard Italian Navy ships for a more efficient platform system and electrical plant operation
Teresa Mazzucca, Michele Torre

13.00 Buffet Lunch
## Warship Design & Technology II

**Time:** 14.00 – 16.00

**Chairperson:** Stefano Tortora, Italian Navy

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## Offshore Vessels & Floating Plans

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**Chairperson:** Giuseppe Coronella, Fincantieri, Italy

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**Chairperson:** Paola Gualeni, University of Genoa, Italy

**Time:** 11.00 – 13.00

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**Conceptual and Practical Ship Design**

**Hydrodynamic ship design optimization considering uncertainty**

*Emilio F. Campana, Frederick Stern, Matteo Diez*

**MONOTRICAT® Hull,** first displacement naval hull navigating at speeds of planning hulls, on spray self-produced, at high hydrodynamic efficiency and energy recovery

*Luigi Mascellaro, Lilit Axner, Jing Gong*

**Multipurpose air cushion platform**

*Angelo Odetti, Marco Mastrangeli*

**Four point bend test to define the mechanical properties on thermally toughened laminated glass for marine application**

*Carlo Dellabiancia, Christian Piola, Simone Parizzi, Marco Martinelli*

**Conceptual and practical design of a hospital ship – An architectural approach of a conversion from ferry**

*Andreas Tsokos Pappas, Stavros Gifopoulos, Thomas Mazarakos*

**13.00 Buffet Lunch**
Maritime Sustainability

**Chairperson:** Carlo Podenzana Bonvino, University of Genoa, Italy

- **Measurement of underwater radiated noise from merchant vessels and related issues**
  *Francesco De Lorenzo, Ruggero Dambra*

- **Sound propagation at sea: a parametric investigation**
  *Donatella Tamà, Tomaso Gaggero, Enrico Rizzuto*

- **Predicting life cycle cost of a modular frigates fleet**
  *Alfonso Barbato, Alessandro Bonvicini*

- **Retrofit: from selection of technologies to regulatory framework**
  *Raimonds Aronietis, Koos Frouws, Hilde Meersman, Christa Sys, Eddy Van De Voorde, Thierry Vanelslander*

- **Fostering sustainable maritime transport within the EU-Work Status At The European Sustainable Shipping Forum, ESSF**
  *Panos Yannoulis*

- **LNG as ship fuel: the reasons of a choice**
  *Ernesto Fasano*

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Maritime Economics & Logistics

**Chairperson:** Alessandro Panaro, Head of Maritime and Mediterranean Economy, SRM, Italy

- **Consequences of applying a bunker adjustment factor**
  *Hilde Meersman, Yasmine Rashed, Christa Sys, Eddy Van De Voorde, Thierry Vanelslander*

- **The procurement challenges surrounding the acquisition of high-speed military and government boats in the 21st century**
  *Bob MacDonald*

- **A preliminary approach for establishing a new toll calculation method for transiting the Suez Canal oil tankers**
  *Maged Abdel Naby, Adel Banawan*

- **Analysis of the handling capacity of liquid cargo terminals using the Awesim modeling program**
  *Özkan Uğurlu, Umut Yıldırım, Ercan Yüksekylidz, Serdar Yıldız*

- **Forecasting model of port cargo handling capacity, a case study: Trabzon, Samsun, Rize and Hopa ports**
  *Ercan Yüksekylidz, Muhammet Boran, Özkan Uğurlu, Umut Yıldırım, Serdar Yıldız*

- **A value chain analysis of emerging maritime technology clusters in Nigeria**
  *Chinedum Onyemechi, Abiodun Sule, Chinemerem Igboanusi*
Human Factor & Comfort On Board

**Chairperson:** Enrico Rizzuto, University of Genoa, Italy

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- **Crew – An effective approach to scheme of complement and workload estimation on military Ships**
  *Andrea Lommi, Pierpaolo Rube*

- **Computerized assessment of seafarers’ functional status on board**
  *Giedrius Varoneckas, Arvydas Martinkenas, Jurgita Andruskiene, Albinas Stankus, Lina Mazrimaite, Aurelija Livens*

- **Numerical evaluation of reverberation time in public spaces on cruise ships**
  *Francesco De Lorenzo, Daniele Russi*

- **Experimental investigation on the damping coefficient of laminated glass for large yachts windows**
  *Lisa Gragnani, Angelo Tonelli, Dario Boote, Tatiana Pais*

- **High-speed boats – How to design cockpits, consoles and dashboards for better control, safety and comfort**
  *Johan Ullman*

- **Human performance at sea: stress management for efficient shipping - SOS project**
  *Taner Albayrak, Davide Stasi*

**16.00 – Coffee Break**

Aesthetic & Interior Design of Passenger Ships

**Chairperson:** Silvia Piardi, Politecnico di Milano

**Time:** 16.30 – 18.00

- **A praise of slowness: “Slow Cruising” opens new frontiers in yacht design interiors**
  *Massimo Musio Sale, Valentina Solera*

- **Passenger cabins on cruise ships: modularity, design and comfort**
  *Maria Carola Morozzo Della Rocca*

- **The liners: evolution and formal typology**
  *Enrico Tommaso Carassale*

- **Public areas of cruise ships**
  *Mario Ivan Zignego*

- **Exercises in style**
  *Silvia Piardi, Angelica Paiva Ponzio*
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**Ship Energy Efficiency I**  
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*Chairperson: Alberto Gauzolino, Italian Navy*

**Calculation of optimum trim based on bow and stern shape functions**  
*Tom Dinham Peren*

**Energy efficient operation of bulk carriers by trim optimization**  
*Moustafa Mohammed Moustafa, Waleed Yehia Ali, Arwa Wafiq Hussain*

**Contemporary model testing to comply with the IMO EEDI verification process**  
*Anton Minchev*

**Monitoring, analyzing and improving ship propulsive performances: a support system to ship management in an energy efficiency perspective**  
*Giovanni Cusano, Mauro Garbarino, Stefano Qualich, Giuseppe Stranieri*

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**Ship Energy Efficiency II**  
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*Chairperson: Alberto Gauzolino, Italian Navy*

**Marine fuel quality, value and challenges for 2015 and beyond**  
*Ian Crutchley*

**Identifying added shaft power in weather from voyage analysis of a RORO carrier**  
*Angus Webb, Dominic Hudson*

**Ship performances forecasting at the Mediterranean scale: evaluation of the impact of MeteOcean forecasts on fuel savings for energy efficiency and weather routing**  
*Andrea Orlandi, Luca Rovai, Valerio Capecchi, Stefano Romanelli, Riccardo Benedetti, Andrea Coraddu, Diego Villa*

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Seakeeping, Stability & Manoeuvrability I
Chairperson: Alberto Francescutto, University of Trieste

The effect of forward speed on nonlinear ship motion responses
Olgun Guven Hizir, Zhiming Yuan, Atilla Incecik, Osman Turan

Prediction tool for preliminary design assessment of manoeuvring characteristics of a twin screw displacement yacht
Roberto Tonelli, Enrico Della Valentina, Frans Quadvlieg

Prediction of dynamic loads in towing systems
Radoslav Nabergoj, Loris Cok, Emanuele Putortì

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Seakeeping, Stability & Manoeuvrability II
Chairperson: Alberto Francescutto, University of Trieste

A numerical investigation of the squat and resistance of ships advancing through a canal using CFD
Tahsin Tezdogan, Atilla Incecik, Osman Turan

Numerical prediction of hull force for low velocity manoeuvring
Dario Bruzzone, Danilo Ruscelli, Diego Villa, Michele Viviani

Random decrement method: ship roll damping identification based on response in a seaway
Andrea Del Guzzo, Francesco Di Tomaso, Irene Renzi, Federico Gaggiotti, Roberto Bruschi

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**Numerical & Experimental Hydrodynamics I**  
Time: 09.00 – 10.30

**Chairperson:** Alexandre Pustoshny, Krylov Institute, Russia

Repeatability estimation of torque and thrust results in open water tests as a function of the Reynolds number  
*Alessandro Moriconi, Andrea Mancini*

Application of uncertainty analysis for measurement of added resistance in regular short waves  
*Naoto Sogihara, Masaru Tsujimoto, Yoshikazu Kasahara, Ryohei Fukasawa, Tatsuya Hamada*

Numerical study of unsteady breaking waves induced by a submerged hydrofoil at steady forward speed  
*Guido Lupieri, Giorgio Contento, Hrvoje Jasakb, Vuko Vukčević*

MWM: a 35 years wind & wave high resolution hindcast dataset and an operational forecast service for the Mediterranean sea  
*Luca Donatini, Guido Lupieri, Giorgio Contento, Andrea Pedroncini, Luis Alberto Cusati, Andrea Crosta*

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**Numerical & Experimental Hydrodynamics II**  
Time: 11.00 – 13.00

**Chairperson:** Alexandre Pustoshny, Krylov Institute, Russia

Resistance and propulsion of an icebreaking vessel in ultra-shallow water  
*Giorgio Trincas, Silvio Stente, Giuseppe Repole*

Virtual PMM and free running manoeuvring predictions of a submarine by CFD  
*Giulio Dubbioso, Stefano Zaghi, Riccardo Broglia, Maurizio Cannarozzo*

Nonlinear free surface potential flow simulations for hulls with a transom stern operating in dry and wet conditions  
*Andrea Mola, Luca Heltai, Antonio De Simone*

Viscous flow computations for a large water tunnel  
*Ahmet Gürkan, Gürbüz Bilici, Uğur Oral Ünal*

Hydrodynamic analysis of a catamaran in calm water and in waves  
*Teresa Castiglione, Sergio Bova*

Numerical and experimental investigation on the wave-wave interaction in breaking and non-breaking focusing waves  
*Guido Lupieri, Thomas Puzzer, Giorgio Contento, Luca Donatini, Lorenzo Cappietti*
**Numerical & Experimental Hydrodynamics III**

**Chairperson:** Marcelo Santos Neves, Universidade de Brasilia, Brazil

**Time:** 14.00 – 16.30

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**Fluid-structure interactions during the high speed water entry of a plate**  
*Alessandro Iafrati*

**Study and experiments on the hull resistance reduction by air ventilation in calm water for semi-displacement hulls**  
*Andrea Agrusta, Dario Bruzzone, Igor Zotti*

**An open source framework for CFD optimization: the case of sailing yacht daggerboards**  
*Giovanni Bailardi, Joel E. Guerrero*

**Determination of VDV and MSI for modern planing craft**  
*Ermina Begovic, Silvia Pennino, Vincenzo Piscopo, Antonio Scamardella*
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**Ship Propulsion & Machinery I**  
Time: 09.00 – 10.30

*Chairperson: Giampiero Repetti, Vulkan Italia*

- **Advancement in propulsion technology**  
  *Elias Boletis, Albert Drost, Norbert Bulten*

- **Diesel engines operating in Artic and Tropic fields**  
  *Paolo Calcinotto, Mathias Björklund*

- **Evaluation of the efficiency of a vibrating propulsion system for marine vessels, Part I: Physical mathematical models**  
  *Roberto Muscia*

- **Evaluation of the efficiency of a vibrating propulsion system for marine vessels, Part II: Integration of motion equations and performances**  
  *Roberto Muscia*

- **10.30 – Coffee Break**

**Ship Propulsion & Machinery II**  
Time: 11.00 – 13.00

*Chairperson: Giampiero Repetti, Vulkan Italia*

- **A high safety and efficiency rudder actuation based on servo-controlled fluidic muscles**  
  *Enrico Ravina, Francesca Bertesago*

- **Transparency within automated engine control systems: the case of the Savannah Express**  
  *Monica Lundh, Scott N. MacKinnon, Yemao Man*

- **Cold flow simulation of an internal combustion engines with canted valves for Tug boats using hybrid approach**  
  *George Martinaş, Ovidiu Sorin Cupsa, Nicolae Buzbuchi*

- **Artificial air cavity as energy saving technology**  
  *Alexander Pustoshny, Andrey Sverchkov, Loris Cok, Giorgio Trincas, Pierluigi Busetto*

- **Comparison of waste heat recovery systems for the refitting of a cruise ferry**  
  *Giovanni Benvenuto, Ugo Campora, Michele Laviola, Raphael Zaccone*

- **13.00 Buffet Lunch**
**Structural Design**

**Experimental investigation of FCAW-G weldments of HSLA AH40-FCA (Fatigue Crack Arrester) steel, used in marine applications**  
*Marios Kazasidis, Stavros Chionopoulos, Dimitrios Pantelis*

**Influence of sea state models on calculated naval vessel stress spectra**  
*Ian Thompson*

**Fatigue strength analysis of longitudinal bulkheads of passenger ships with large openings**  
*Giovanni Risso, Carlo Cau, Yordan Garbatov, Carlos Guedes Soares*

**Numerical assessment of fatigue crack growth in high stress concentration areas of an Aframax tanker, using AH36 and HSLA steels**  
*Elias V. Chatzidouros, Dimitris I. Pantelis*

**Low-cycle fatigue life prediction of fillet-welded joints in ship details**  
*Pasqualino Corigliano, Vincenzo Crupi, Wolfgang Fricke, Eugenio Guglielmino*
Ship Management, Safety & Security I

Chairperson: Maurizio D’Amico, Società d’Amico di Navigazione

Distribution and display of maritime safety information in an E-Navigation context

Thomas Porathe, Mads Bentzen Billesø, Ole Borup, Peder Pedersen

The evolution of safety management on board cruise ships

Sandro Stefani, Vittorio De Val

Biometrics for electronic mustering and other emergencies

Sergio Bisiani, Daniele Protti

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Ship Management, Safety & Security II

Chairperson: Maurizio D’Amico, Società d’Amico di Navigazione

Statistic of still water bending moment of damaged Suezmax oil tanker

Branka Bužančić Primorac, Vedran Slapničar, Ivan Munić, Vjekoslav Grubišić, Maro Ćorak, Joško Parunov

Cost-utility analysis of ballast water treatment system market

Vivart Kapoor

Innovative tools for the advanced evacuation analysis of passenger ships

Vittoria Bucci, Alberto Marinò, Giorgio Trincas, Giovanni Zanutto

Self-moving units for inspection tasks of marine structures and plants

Enrico Ravina

Command and control of unmanned vessels: keeping shore based operators in-the-loop

Scott N. Mackinnon, Yemao Man, Monica Lundh, Thomas Porathe

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**Fishing Vessel**  
Time: 14.00 – 15.00  

**Chairperson:** Gaetano Messina, ATENA-Marche

- Retrofit of a 42 m length trawler propulsive system  
  *Sophie Coache, Jean Marc Laurens*

- Reverse engineering techniques for trawler hull 3D modelling and energy efficiency evaluation  
  *Anna Nora Tassetti, Michele Martelli, Gabriele Buglioni*

- An economical onboard liquid ice system for fishing vessels by recovery of waste energy  
  *Claudio Fontana, Vassilios K. Zagkas*

**Inland Navigation**  
Time: 15.00 – 16.30  

**Chairperson:** Marcello Coppola, Navigazione Laghi

- Overview of European inland navigation  
  *Dino Telesca*

- 2004-2014 ten years of changing in the project of passenger ferries on Italian lakes, due to the 2006/87/CE and consequent rules  
  *Valerio Ruggiero*

- Dry-dock hull inspection of Nile cruisers  
  *Arwa. W. Hussein, Moustafa Mohammed Moustafa, M. T. Elsherbiny*

- The new hybrid small passenger vessel for the Venice lagoon  
  *Vittorio Bucci, Alberto Marinò, Andrea Businaro*
NAV 2015 Organization

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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ABOUT NAV CONFERENCES

The Conferences were initiated in 1974 as “Scientific Conference of Gruppo Automazione Navale e Problemi delle Grandi Navi”, to be held every two years under the patronage of CETENA and the Italian CNR - National Research Council. In 1980, CETENA and ATENA entered into a co-operation agreement and the name of the Conference was changed to NAV. This arrangement was maintained until 1994, after when the frequency of meeting s was changed to once every three years. The focus remained on convening a forum for the maritime scientific and technical community all over the world. NAV 2015 in Lecco is the 18th Conference, previous ones having been held all over Italy, specifically in: Rome (1974), Naples (1976), Trieste (1978), Genoa (1980), Naples (1982), Venice (1984), Palermo (1986), Trieste (1988), Ancona (1990), Genoa (1992), Rome (1994), Sorrento (1997), Venice (2000), Palermo (2003), Genoa (2006), Messina (2009), Naples (2012).

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INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

An international committee, chaired by Prof. Alberto Francescutto from University of Trieste, was established with the participation of representatives of international academic institutions and relevant industry sectors. About 130 abstract were submitted for the critical consideration of the tracking administrators and the paper reviewers. Then, the selected papers were subject to the final review and recommendations from the reviewers. The high scientific value of the papers presented to NAV 2015 has therefore been amply assured.

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