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PRESS RELEASE

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HUMAN FACTOR IN MODERN SHIPPING

Wednesday, 08 November, 2023 at 18:00 hrs at Angelicoussis Group Auditorium

Chios Marine Club organized an information and experience-sharing meeting on 8 November 2023 to discuss **The Importance of the Human Factor in Modern Shipping**. The meeting took place at the purpose-built Angelicoussis Group Auditorium, Athens, Greece, and was attended by over 80 members.

The President of Chios Marine Club, Capt. Antonis Pitsilos, opened the event and welcomed all participants, emphasizing: *“This kind of event helps people of the shipping community to develop domain knowledge and experience”*. The Seafarers' Labour Directorate Director, Captain H.C.G. Doumanis Antonios, addressed the event underlining also from his side the importance of these issues in modern shipping.

1st Panel: The importance of the crew management, its development and the timeless value of Seamanship

The moderator of the first panel was: Marios Bougioukas (Board member, Chios Marine Club, Logistics Director BCA College) with panelists: Capt. Michalis Z. Fotinos (Master Mariner, Crew Department Manager Diana Shipping Services S.A.), Capt. Michalis Frangias (Master Mariner, Senior Marine Consultant, Ex-Sun Enterprises L.t.d.), Capt. Aristides Paidousis (Master Mariner, Marine Personnel Manager, Minerva Marine Inc.), Simos Varias (CEO of Crossworld Marine Services Inc.).

2nd Panel: The maritime profession in modern times

Then the moderator of the 2nd Panel Nikos Kakalis (Chios Marine Club Secretary Special & Lloyd's Register Global Bulk Carriers Segment Director) took the floor, followed by the panelists: Alexander Maraslidis (HR Manager, Angelicoussis Group Ltd.), Kostas Petrakis (HSQE Manager/DPA, Chartworld Shipping Corp.), Dr. Ioannis Patiniotis (Finance Director, Carras Hellas S.A.), Kostas Kalargiros (Group HR Director, Latsco Marine Management Inc.).

A lengthy discussion followed, with questions from the delegates attending the event, underlining the great interest and focus on human factor in the industry today and its importance for its safety and success in the days and years ahead.