Alexander Ponomarev, Deputy Director, Sales, Northern Europe at Transas
Title of Event: Future of marine data and developing communication protocols
Alexander Ponomarev is passionate about making the world a safer place through the use of technologies. This ultimately led to him graduating from City University of London, School of Engineering, Business Computing Systems. It also steered him towards marine simulators as his area of expertise during his many years with Transas, a world-leading provider of high tech equipment, software applications, integrated solutions and services for the maritime industry.

Dr Nick Bailey, Researcher and Lecturer at Cardiff University, School of Social Sciences
Title of Event: The latest research which examines VHF recordings of ships’ officers negotiating collision avoidance
Dr Nick Bailey is a Master Mariner having served aboard a wide range of vessel types, up to the rank of Chief Officer. For the last 13 years Nick has been undertaking research into seafaring focussing mainly on issues relating to seafarer health, safety and risk. The findings have been published in numerous research reports, academic articles and his 2013 book ‘Lives in Peril’.

John Lamb, Dip ATEd, MNA UK member, Senior Lecturer, Marine Electrical Engineering at New Zealand Maritime School
Title of Event: HV training, yesterday today and tomorrow
John Lamb is has over 30 years of tertiary experience, teaching applied electrical, electronics and control engineering in theory and practice. He first sailed on HV (6.6kV) vessels in the late 1970s and has a good knowledge of current practices and training at both operational and management levels. John has established an HV training facility and delivers HV STCW training to Engineer and Electro-Technical Officers (ETO). He also set up a Siemens PLC training lab for Engineers and ETOs, putting together the new ETO Diploma which is now being delivered.

Dr Farhan Saeed, Senior Lecturer, Programme Leader Nautical Science, Engineering, Technology and Maritime Operations, Liverpool John Moores University
Title of Event: Development of taxonomy for deck officers’ non technical skills (NTS) and analysing training needs for human element, leadership and management (HELM) course
Dr Farhan Saeed joined the Merchant Navy in 1988 and was engaged in worldwide trading as a Deck Officer on general cargo ships, container vessels and passenger vessels with the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation. His marine studies, leading to Master Mariner qualification, were taken at the Pakistan Marine Academy, the Australian Maritime College, and Fleetwood Nautical Campus in the UK. Following six years of teaching nautical science at Fleetwood he joined Liverpool John Moores University as Senior Lecturer in Maritime Operations. He was recently awarded a Ph.D. in non-technical skills of deck officers.
Professor Osman Turan, Marine Design, Operation and Human Factors, Director of Research, Department of Naval Architecture, Ocean & Marine Engineering, University of Strathclyde

Title of Event: Enhancing Maritime Safety Through Human Factors

Professor Osman Turan has been involved in marine safety for 30 years covering marine design, operation and human factors. He contributed to the development of safety related rules at various platforms including IMO, particularly damage stability and survivability of passenger and car ferries. He was co-founder of Safety at Sea Ltd which served the industry on safety related matters. More recently he has focused on maritime accidents including human factors and developing solutions to eliminate and/or mitigate accidents and safety critical conditions through design and operations.

Col.Dr.G.Thiruvasagam, Vice-Chancellor, Academy of Maritime Education and Training (AMET) University, Chennai, India

Title of Event: Managing Seafarers Stress in the Global Maritime Industry

As the Vice-Chancellor of AMET, Col. Dr. G. Thiruvasagam is instrumental in establishing academic and research collaborations with international institutions including the Institute of Chartered Ship Brokers and Singapore Maritime Academy. His distinguished teaching experience spans 34 years as a Professor of Management and 10 years as Principal. He has served in a number of committees looking at the development of higher education in India including the Central Advisory Board for Education which is responsible for making recommendations to the Government Ministry of Human Resource Development on all aspects of higher education.

Dr Robyn Pyne, MNI, Maritime Lecturer, Hamburg School of Shipping and Transport and Cardiff University

Title of Event: Sustainable Shipping

Dr. Robyn Pyne began her maritime career as a Trinity House cadet in 1997 and studied for an HND at the Glasgow College of Nautical Studies. Intent on continuing to learn more about the international shipping industry she enrolled in a specialist degree programme at Plymouth University gaining a BSc (Hons) in Maritime Business and Maritime Law in 2003. She is currently on the teaching team at Cardiff University MSc Maritime Policy and Shipping/MSc International Transport, and the BSc (Hons) International Trade, Shipping and Transport for the Hamburg School of Shipping and Transport.

Capt. Neville Jayant, Operations Manager, SeaTec Safety (part of V.Group)

Title of Event: Vetting - from a Clients perspective

Capt. Neville Jayant is the operations manager for SeaTec Safety (part of V. Group), providing third party consultancy service to the maritime industry. He heads a department of safety consultants (Ex Masters / Ch. Engineers) carrying out safety/pre vetting inspections and on-board safety training for various types of vessels. In the last year SeaTec Safety has attended over 430 vessels and spent over 4500 days on board training 5800 crew. Prior to joining V.Group in 2006 Neville was a Master Mariner sailing on tankers for over 18 years.

Therese Nelson, MNI MBA GTCS

Title of Event: The Nautical Institute Command Scheme

Theresa Nelson worked in business and then taught for ten years before becoming a cadet at the age of 46. During her cadetship she served on a tug, a small coastal bulk carrier, a cable layer and a cruise ship. She worked in the North Sea for two years on an ERRV and took the opportunity to gain a DP certificate. In 2013 she went to London to work for The Nautical Institute as a support to the Head of Delegation at IMO. She is now the Nautical Institute Training and Quality Manager.
Capt. Richard Britton, Head of Offshore Development - UK at Scottish Power
Title of Event: Renewable Energies and Offshore Windfarms
Capt. Richard Britton is a Master Mariner with 15 years of experience in the Merchant Navy, including a number of years involved in subsea telecom cable installation. He joined ScottishPower Renewables in 2008 where his remit was to cover all shipping and navigation activities, from development and consenting of sites, to vessel selection and procurement throughout the construction and operations phases. In 2014 became Head of Development for East Anglia Offshore Wind, delivering 7.2GW of consented windfarms to the business, and is currently leading the development team in consent compliance.

Dr Chris Haughton, EdD MA BA PGCC CertEd QTLS Master Mariner FNI FSET
Title of Event: Thinking about Thinking - how this may impact on performance
Dr Chris Haughton spent his early career at sea before coming ashore to teach at Fleetwood Nautical Campus in the UK, eventually becoming Head of School. He now pursues an independent career in maritime education working locally, nationally and internationally. Chris holds degrees in education from the OU and Lancaster, and a doctorate from the University of Birmingham. He’s a Fellow and past Council Member of the Nautical Institute. His current interests include Systems Thinking and its associated potential to impact on maritime safety.

Commander Steve Walsh, Associate Head National Maritime College of Ireland
Title of Event: The Challenges and Opportunities for co-located Naval and Merchant Navy Training in the Modern Environment
Cdr Steve Walsh joined the Irish Naval Service in 1978. He is Commander of the Irish Naval College & Associate Head of the National Maritime College of Ireland.
He completed his military and nautical studies in Ireland and the U.K and holds an MSc in Training and Development (2001) and Doctorate Certification in Strategic Management (2009). Cdr Walsh commanded three naval ships and was Operations Officer at the Irish National Defence HQ in Dublin and formerly financial controller for the Irish navy. A UN observer in Western Sahara, he has represented Ireland at Atlantic and EU Military Maritime fora.

Capt. N. Kumar, Director at School of Maritime Studies, VELS University, Chennai, India
Title of Event: Human Element in Shipping - A Training Perspective
Capt. N. Kumar completed his pre sea training with SCI’s Maritime Training Institute in 1993. He got his first position in the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS), UK professional qualifying examination 2009 in Chennai (East India) region of ICS.

Shajan Lukose, Head of Maritime Operations, Blackpool and The Fylde College
Title of Event: Training needs of the changing times
Shajan Lukose joined the Merchant Navy after obtaining a Bachelor’s Degree in Physics; 2nd Mate Foreign Going Certificate from India, Chief Mate and Master Unlimited certificates in the UK. During 17 years at sea, he sailed on a variety of merchant ships and retired after seven years as Captain. He joined South Tyneside College in January 2007 as a lecturer in Nautical Studies progressing to Head of School for Simulation and Senior Marine. Shajan then moved to Fleetwood Nautical campus of Blackpool and the Fylde College as Head of Maritime Operations.