



THE INTERNATIONAL BUNKER
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

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IBIA announces appointment of Officers on the Board of Directors

The International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) has announced at its first meeting of the new board of directors, that Nigel Draffin of LQM Petroleum Services was elected to the post of Vice Chairman until March 31st 2012, upon which he will succeed Robert Lintott, ISO Bunkers LLC, as Chairman of IBIA.

Nigel Draffin commented:

“I am very honoured by the confidence shown in me by the board in my election to Vice Chairman of the Association. I will do everything I can to support Bob Lintott in his year as Chairman and to further the aims of the Association. We have an excellent secretariat, a competent and committed board and a clear strategy for the future. I hope I will be able to live up to the high standards set by my predecessors when I take over as Chairman in April 2012.”

Other appointments included, Simon Neo Tiau Gee of Integra Fuels, who was elected Honorary Treasurer. Jens Maul Jørgenson, Oldendorff Carriers GmbH & Co KG was re-elected to the Board Development Committee (BDC) and will be joined on the BDC by Mustafa Muhtaroglu of Energy Petrol.

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Photograph of Nigel Draffin is available on request.

Notes to editors

Nigel Draffin – career summary

Nigel has been involved in shipping for 44 years and with the commercial bunker market for 23 years. After Joining Shell Tankers in 1966, he progressed through the ranks serving on all classes of vessel, steam and motor, including VLCCs and LNG tankers.

Nigel came ashore in 1979 to join the new building department of Shell International Marine. In 1986 he moved to the commercial department as a bunker buyer and economics analyst. In 1988 he was promoted to the Head of Operational Economics, responsible for all of the fuel purchase for the Shell fleet and the operation of the fuel price risk management policy and the performance of the owned fleet. Part of Nigel's responsibilities in the Operations division included the investigation and conduct of bunker claims and the technical resolution of bunker problems.

In March 1996 he joined the staff of E.A.Gibson Shipbrokers Ltd. in the bunker department. He is currently technical manager of LQM Petroleum Services Inc. which took over the bunker broking activities of Gibsons in 2006. Nigel has participated in IMO sub committees on bunker quality as an observer for OCIMF.

He has lectured on operational, commercial and technical aspects of shipping for the last 22 years for his employers, IBIA, the College of Petroleum Studies, Petrosport, Lloyd's Marine Academy and at many conferences worldwide.

Nigel is a founder member of the International Bunker Industry Association. As a member of the council he held the Safety Working Group portfolio for 3 years and served as co-ordinator of the Education Working Group.

Nigel is a member of the Institute of Marine Engineering Science and Technology.

He is a supporting member of LMAA.

He is a qualified Marine Engineer and a qualified Quality System Auditor.

Nigel is Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers and Past Charman of its charitable trust.

He is the author of three books on bunkering.

About IBIA

The International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) exists to provide an international forum to address the concerns of all sectors of the international bunker industry; to represent the industry in discussions and negotiations with national and international policy makers, legislators and other groups and bodies; to review, clarify, improve, develop and endorse where appropriate, industry methods, practices and documentation; to increase the professional understanding and competence of all who work in the industry; to provide services and facilities for members and others as the Board shall from time to time consider appropriate.

IBIA gained consultative status with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in November 2005 and is represented at all relevant meetings.

IBIA actively seeks to involve its members through its Annual Convention by educating and motivating members to conclude on major issues and topics of the time, creating the “IBIA Position” to present to IMO.

IBIA champions the continued development of professionals within the bunker industry through its Bunker Courses and its Bunker Cargo Officer qualification.

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