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Shipping Australia hosts major international event

“For the first time, Shipping Australia is proud to be the host of the annual meeting of the Federation of National Associations of Shipbrokers and Agents (FONASBA) in Sydney for the week beginning 10th October” Llew Russell, Chief Executive Officer of Shipping Australia said today.

“FONASBA is the international ship brokers and ship agents association representing national sector associations in 40 countries worldwide. Established in 1969 its objectives are to promote and protect the interests of its members and to assist them to provide the highest possible levels of professional service to their principals. Since the beginning, FONASBA has sought to raise international awareness at all levels of the vital role played by its members in the shipping industry. This role is still not universally acknowledged and FONASBA continues to inform, consult and advise those charged with the development of maritime policy. In addition, and through its member associations, FONASBA is committed to ensuring that the highest possible standards of conduct, combined with the employment of well-qualified and experienced staff, are applied across the industry.”

“Eighty-two delegates from twenty-eight countries will gather in Sydney for what we have planned to be not only a most memorable event but to address the very many challenges and issues facing the global ship agency and ship broking industries.”

“There will be meetings of the FONASBA Executive, European Community Association of Ship Brokers and Agents, the Chartering and Documentation Committee, the Liner and Port Agency Committee, Range Committees discussing regional issues and the Council meeting on 14th October.”

“In addition, we are holding a seminar on Friday addressing the development of shipping education and skills in Australia, the future of quarantine protection in Australia, in particular, what pre-border action can be taken to keep Australia clean and green as well as closer to home, the development of a third container stevedore facility at Port Botany and the building of an intermodal terminal at Enfield” he said.

“Items for discussion include the whole gambit of maritime issues on the global stage, the problems of high port costs, access and productivity, results of a survey on a comparison of port cost items, the developments in the world-wide demand and supply of bulk tonnage, and the FONASBA quality assurance scheme among other important issues.”

“A social programme including a city tour, a welcome event at Icebergs at Bondi Beach, a trip to the Blue Mountains, Taronga Park Zoo, a dining cruise on the harbour and a gala dinner at the Cruising Yacht Club Australia has been organised. In addition, on Saturday 15th October an excursion has been organised to the Tobruk Sheep Station for a real ‘Aussie experience’.”

“Much of this would not have been possible without the strong sponsorship support we have received from:

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