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Linguistic diversity in European Maritime Higher Education Institutions - MAR-LANG -

Erasmus+ Program – KA220-HED: Cooperation partnerships in higher education Project Nr: 2022-1-FR01-KA220-HED-00089655

WORKSHOP: "CROSSING MARITIME LINGUISTIC BARRIERS"

ROMANIAN NAVAL ACADEMY "MIRCEA CEL BATRAN" (RNA), CONSTANTA, ROMANIA MAY 17th, 2024

EVENT AGENDA

Workshop: MARLANG Project "Linguistic diversity in European Maritime Higher Education Institutions" Erasmus+ Program – KA220-HED: Cooperation partnerships in higher education Project Nr: 2022-1-FR01-KA220-HED-00089655 Friday, May 17th, 2024

- 08:30-09:00 Registration for SeaConf and Workshop attendance
- 09:00-09:30 Conference opening session (flag rising ceremony)
- 09:30-10:30 SeaConf Conference plenary session
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break, photo group
- 11.00-14.00 MarLang workshop sections, presented as SeaConf sections
- 11:00-11.20 MAR-LANG PROJECT PRESENTATION
- 11:20-11.40- Crossing maritime linguistic barriers Bursting the communication bubble on a merchant ship
- 11:40-12.00 THE IMPACT OF AI (CHAT GPT) ON TEACHING WRITING THE LETTERS OF PROTEST
- 12.00-12.20 EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AS A CRITICAL MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILL ONBOARD VESSELS. FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITHIN MARINE ENGINEERING SECTOR













12.20-12.40 — ESP TEACHERS AND THEIR VITAL ROLE IN CROSSING MARITIME COMMUNICATION BARRIERS

12.40-13.00 — NAVIGATING MULTILINGUAL WATERS: THE IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE LEARNING FOR SEAFARERS

13.00-14.00 – Discussions – debates, Q&A session – Mentors will participate as guests 14.00 – Closing remarks

Workshop Scientific Board:

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MAR-LANG PROJECT PRESENTATION

Christelle NICOLAS - French Maritime Academy, France

Abstract: MAR-Lang is a cooperation partnership in higher education on linguistic diversity in European maritime institutions between three partners, the French Maritime Academy "Ecole Nationale Supérieure Maritime", the project coordinator, the Romanian Naval Academy "Mircea cel Batran" and the Lithuanian Maritime Academy "Lietuvos aukstoji jureivystes mokykla" within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme. The project will run over a period of two years in order to build a strategic partnership to develop the teaching and learning of maritime French. The aim of the project is to create three training courses on: "ship and cargo handling", "naval engineering" and "port and maritime logistics" in order to share best practices and experiences in teaching methods. Curricula will be shaped to encourage innovative learning by means of a learning platform designed to create digital transformation. Moreover, comprehensive and extensive bilingual glossaries in French and English will be compiled through the collection of French and English maritime terms.

CROSSING MARITIME LINGUISTIC BARRIERS - BURSTING THE COMMUNICATION BUBBLE ON A MERCHANT SHIP

Edward MELAERT - French Maritime Academy, France

Abstract: This presentation explores the unique communication challenges faced by crews on merchant ships. Living and working in close quarters for extended periods fosters a strong sense of camaraderie, blurring the lines between professional and personal interactions. In this multinational, multilingual environment, effective communication becomes the key to not only smooth operations but also to mutual understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures, customs, and beliefs.

THE IMPACT OF AI (CHAT GPT) ON TEACHING WRITING THE LETTERS OF PROTEST Vilma PRANCKEVIČIŪTĖ – Lithuanian Maritime Academy, Lithuania

Abstract: The article analyses the peculiarities of teaching writing Letters of Protest and how this process is affected by AI technologies that are used by students. It may be considered that AI can replace humans in letter writing. The issue arises: what has to be taught in writing practice? The objectives entail the definition of the subject matter as well as the analysis of written texts and survey results. The qualitative research pattern is used as the sample is very limited. Based on the results, it is possible to apply a larger scope qualitative analysis of the issue.













EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AS A CRITICAL MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILL ONBOARD VESSELS. FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITHIN MARINE ENGINEERING SECTOR

Dr. Maria VERVERI - Lithuanian Maritime Academy, Lithuania

Abstract: Nowadays, proficiency in Maritime English is compulsory for seafarers of all ranks and maritime professionals. It is a common view that effective communication is centered as one of the qualities most highly valued in all companies and types of industries. Effective communication not only on the navigation bridge but also in the engine room is a very crucial issue that has to be taken care of by all parties concerned, and that is to say, Merchant Marine Academies, maritime training centres, Ministries of Shipping, Maritime companies, classification societies, international maritime institutes and all people who work within this evolving Industry. Advanced communicative skills aim not just at the smooth operation of the vessel but also at the well-being and safety of the crew and the vessel itself.

ESP TEACHERS AND THEIR VITAL ROLE IN CROSSING MARITIME COMMUNICATION BARRIERS

Dr. Raluca APOSTOL-MATEŞ, Dr. Camelia ALIBEC - Romanian Naval Academy, Romania

Abstract: The global network of shipping that spans the oceans and links every continent in the world is the international maritime sector. In this transnational, multi-ethnic, and multicultural setting, English has become the Lingua Franca of the sea. It is the method by which language barriers are overcome and communication occurs. However, as several maritime accidents demonstrate, seamanship does not always guarantee an adequate comprehension. Phase, sphere, and universe transitions are represented by crossing, which is a characteristic of the communication process, a component of the communicative order and has important implications for maintaining interpersonal relationships and enhancing communicative skills. Two main obstacles to communication at sea are the challenges faced by certain language learners in learning the required language, Maritime English, and the sociolinguistic and cultural beliefs and customs that can make it difficult for people to understand one another. It concludes that teaching maritime English requires the adoption of an appropriate methodology. By using new innovative methods and techniques, the maritime English teachers can produce fluent mariners who can encode and decode messages accurately. Communication is mandatory for maritime safety, security, safe navigation and maritime business. Seafarers need communication on board ships and this communication is mostly done through English and definitely with the help of an English teacher.













NAVIGATING MULTILINGUAL WATERS: THE IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE LEARNING FOR SEAFARERS

Corina SANDIUC - Romanian Naval Academy "Mircea cel Bătrân"

Abstract: Seafarers can benefit considerably from learning new languages. Language competency opens up a variety of career opportunities in multinational shipping companies while improving communication and strengthening relationships with coworkers. Even basic proficiency can transform professional experiences, providing access to unexpected opportunities and enriching interactions with local communities. Although typically English is considered the international language of maritime communication, we believe that other languages relevant to the crew's composition and operational context should also be included. In the present paper, we will focus on multilingual crew training that includes French, which holds significant importance in global maritime operations since it is one of the official languages of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Companies with multilingual crews, particularly those who also speak French, gain a competitive edge in the market, as they can communicate more efficiently with French-speaking authorities, ports, and vessels worldwide. Moreover, understanding French language and culture fosters cultural awareness among crew members, facilitating smoother interactions during international operations.



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