

movers & shakers

Decision-makers from the worlds of energy, mining, manufacturing, industry, commerce and agriculture all affect shipping. *Fairplay* reports on the great and the good

Changing of the guards for German arbitrators

Jan Wölper has been elected chairman of the German Maritime Arbitration Association. One of the priorities for the 52-year-old partner in law firm CMS Hasche Sigle will be to enhance the promotion of young talent through the newly established GMAA academy and its special forum for young arbitrators, GMAA 40.

As Wölper joins the board, arbitrators Friedrich Strube and Dieter Griebel are retiring after several decades on it. Others elected to the GMAA board include Christoph Hasche of law firm Taylor Wessing, Esther Mallach of law firm Dabelstein & Passehl and Falk Fischer from Bremen-based Harren & Partner. [Photo: CMS Hasche Sigle]



Banker for Latvian Shipping

Latvian Shipping Co has appointed **Pavel Semenyuta** to its management board for a five-year term.

Semenyuta, an investment banker, is founding partner and head of investment at financial services group Lakeshore International Management in Zurich. He is also MD of the Russian Investment Club in Moscow and COO of Russian IT hardware specialist Aquarius. Latvian Shipping Co owns 19 modern tankers employing more than 1,000 Latvian seafarers.

German king coal appointed

Wolfgang Cieslik has been appointed president of the German Coal Importers Association. Cieslik, who is a member of the management board at power producer Evonik Steag and its trading outfit Evonik Trading, succeeds Erich Schmitz, a lawyer and long-standing board member of E.ON Kraftwerke. Schmitz will continue to serve the importers association as managing director. The German Coal Importers Association represents the interest of German coal consumers, traders and coal logistics companies and has 73 members.



[Photo: German Coal Importers Association]

Partner role given to finance specialist

Watson, Farley & Williams has appointed **Andrew Baird** as a partner in its international shipping finance group in London. Baird specialises in shipping and Islamic finance and has experience in cross-border asset finance. He has acted on loan, leasing, structured and project finance-based transactions. In addition, he has advised a wide range of clients including lenders, lessors, lessees and owners on the financing of a broad range of assets. Prior to joining WFW, Baird was a partner at Berwin Leighton Paisner.

Cockerill steps up at UKMPA

Don Cockerill, a pilot with Port of London Authority, has taken over from Joe Wilson as chairman of the UK Maritime Pilots Association.

Cockerill has been a pilot since 1991 and served with CP Ships and Stolt Nielsen before that. He told *Fairplay*: "It is paramount to ensure, under the demands for commercial efficiency, that seafarers' safety, the safety of navigation and the protection of our marine environment are not compromised for short-term financial gain."

NYK scholarships at Dalian

NYK corporate officer **Takao Ito** travelled to China last month to attend the 2010 scholarship awards at Dalian Maritime University. NYK Group has offered scholarships to students since 2001.

In China, the company supported the rebuilding of a primary school in Xian Xi province after the Sichuan earthquake, followed by a donation of 2,000 books.

Wang Zhao He, chairman of the university council, applauded NYK's long-term support of the Dalian students. Since the start of this project in China 10 years ago, more than 500 teachers and students have received NYK scholarships.

