



COLLEGIO DI TRIESTE DEI PATENTATI CAPITANI
DI LUNGO CORSO E DIREZIONE MACCHINA

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Il Presidente

Ladies, Gentlemen,

Let me say that today, in my opinion, it is a very important day, for me and for all my Italian colleagues, because, on thanking the METNET organisation and IMA, today is the first time, in all our history, that the captains have the opportunity to meet, face to face, their teaching staff, and in this case, a staff of elevated quality and with them a representing member of our Ministry of Transport.

The captains do not pretend to teach something to anybody, but let me say that nobody can know our gaps better than ourselves, consequently, it is quite normal that we wish to talk with the teachers of nautical matters.

Our experiences at sea, on board ships and with crews, I think could be an enrichment to the teachers' knowledge.

I suppose that my colleagues coming from Genoa and Naples will agree with me.

I hope and I wish that the lucky occasion, today realized, could proceed in a constructive dialogue between teachers and seafarers.

Here in Trieste this kind of dialogue already exists.

I have to thank Prof. Marchione that was and is so kind to listen to our talking.

I'm a product of the Nautical School of Trieste and I've to confess that the most of my knowledge come from this School. What I learned later represent my sea experience which is an enrichment of the basis.

The Nautical School of Trieste was born as "trade and navigation academy" 250 years ago. I wish that in the next future this school return back to be an Academy for seafarers.

I thank you for your attention.

cap. Romano Serra