

2-nd INTERNATIONAL BLACK SEA VOLUNTEERS

S A R CONFERENCE

VARNA 29-30 Oct. 2008

Under the patronage of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria

Mr. IVAYLO KALFIN



Additional events:

- 18-th Annual IMRF European Director's Meeting - 31 Oct. 2008;
- Establishing the Mediterranean – Black Sea Regional Volunteers' SAR Group;
- Sea-Air SAR Exercise – 31 Oct. 2008;
- Awarding crews of Search and Rescue units for bravery and self-denial in missions of saving people in distress for 2008 – 29 Oct. 2008;

ORGANISED BY:

- Bulgarian National SAR Volunteer's Association - BULSAR;
- Varna Free University-VFU;

- Ministry of Agriculture & Food supply;
- State Agency of Fishing and Aquaculture;

SUPPORTED BY:

I. International:

- International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF);
- Nautical Institute – London, U.K.;
- AC Environmental Services Ltd. – Canada;
- Società Nazionale di Salvamento - (SNS) Italy;
- Denizde Acil Yardim Kurtarma (DAK/SAR) – Turkey;
- United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCG-A) –USA;
- Maritime Rescue Institute (MRI) - U.K;

II. National:

- Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture and Food;
- Bulgarian Ministry of Public Administration;
- Bulgarian Ministry of Environments water;
- Bulgarian Ministry of Emergency Situations;
- Bulgarian State Agency for Information Technology and Communications;
- Bulgarian Association of Maritime Law;
- Bulgarian Chamber of Shipping;
- Bulgarian National Association of Underwater Activity ;
- Bulgarian Aero-Space Agency (BAKA);
- Festival and Congress Centre-Varna;
- Bulgarian Maritime Qualification Centre;
- Bulgarian Naval Academy “N.Y.Vaptzarov”;
- Bulgarian Association of International Law;
- Bulgarian Seafarers Trade Union;

SPONSORED BY:

- Varna Free University;
- Ministry of Agriculture and Food;
- “Saints Konstantin & Elena” Resort;
- GLOBUL- Mobile Operator;
- AC “Environmental Services” Ltd. - Canada
- BULSAR
- Ahilleos Maritime Enterprise Ltd.
- Varna Shipping & Trading Ltd.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE:

The First International Volunteers’ Black Sea SAR Conference, “SAR-2005”, was held in Varna in 2005 under the patronage of the Minister of Transport-Mr. Nikolay Vassilev. The

conference ended with the Memorandum for the next event, the 2nd International Volunteers' Black Sea SAR Conference – "SAR-08".

Considering the upcoming 18th Annual European IMRF Director's Meeting (which BULSAR is honored to be a host) and in order to fulfill this determination has been agreed to hold the conference right before the Director's Meeting, i.e. 29 - 30 October 2008.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS:

- **First panel: „Maritime SAR"**
- **Second panel: „Safety, security and ecology of the sea region"**
- **Third panel: "Law enforcement and settlement of disputes in safety, security, marine tourism and ecology"**
- The conference will contribute to realization of the mission of the International Marine Rescue Federation (IMRF) „Preventing loss of life on the world's waters", which clearly outlines the ambition of the volunteers all over the world to raise the efficiency of the marine rescue and prevention of sea contamination.
- Cooperation and further enhancement between the public from one hand and the Government from the other to find the acceptable solutions for the important national and regional SAR problems;
- Establishing and further stimulation for modern organization of the volunteers' SAR services in Bulgaria;
- Opening discussion and showing the ways for financing international and regional projects through the EU Funds and other financial institutions into the area of SAR;
- Motivation of the necessity to establish modern law for SAR in local and regional basis;

ORGANIZING BODIES:

- **Bulgarian Maritime Search and Rescue Association - "BULSAR"** is a non-profit professional non government organization established 1996 for coordination, search and rescue of people in distress, survivals after accidents at the Bulgarian SAR region. The basis principles are: To help the people in distress and sea accident to survive under all circumstances, so that they could be successfully rescued. Such help has to ensure prompt, efficient and highly professional protection during the search and rescue and after completion of the accident; to ensure assistance to all persons in distress at sea, irrespective of their nationality, race, religion or social status, and irrespective of the circumstances; BULSAR is entered in the central register of charitable company with the Ministry of Justice. **Charity Reg.:20040413002;**
- **Varna Free University "Chernorizets Hrabar"** was established in 1991. With a resolution of the 37th National Assembly from 21 July 1995 the University was given the **status of a higher educational institution**. It provides full-time regular and part-time extramural forms of education for all the educational-qualification degrees stipulated by the Higher Education Law - Specialist in ..., Bachelor, Master and Doctor. At present there are **10 000 students** studying at the University in **35 different specialities** including: Business Administration, Social Work, Economics, International Economic Relations, Public Administration, Political Science, International Relations, Company Security Management, Construction of Buildings and Installations, Fashion, Textile, Journalism, European Studies, etc. Among the

major priorities in the educational process are **computer studies and foreign language teaching**. VFU is the first private university, which was given **institutional accreditation for a period of 5 years**. Founded only ten years ago, the university has been establishing itself more and more as an academic center combining education of Bulgarian and foreign students in fields of priority interest for the country as well as it has been creating scientific and academic product noted for its international convertibility and high competitiveness.

- **National State Agency of Fisheries and Aquaculture.** The Executive Agency of Fishery and Aquaculture carries out observations, management and control over fishing activities and aquaculture produce by ensuring that the EU general policy for fishery is also enforced in the Republic of Bulgaria.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE:

NATIONAL	INTERNATIONAL
Prof. d-r. Anna Nedyalkova - Chairman	Adm.Romano Grandi – Chairman, SNS, Italy
Dt. d-r Petar Hristov - VFU	Adm.Varol Atalay –DAK/SAR, Turkey
Prof. Alexander Yankov – Judge, ITLOS, Hamburg	Commodore (Hon.) Klaus Baumann USCG (A), USA
Prof. Ivan Lazarov - VSU	Mr.Hamish McDonald MRI (UK)
Capt. Veselin Genov -VST	
Mr.Plamen Kamburov - IARA	
Capt. Adriyan Evtimov, MNI - BCS	
Capt. Nikifor Guerchev, MNI-BULSAR	

EVENT PROGRAMME

	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	18.00	19.00	20.00
Wednesday 29/Oct./2008	Registration		Plenary reports			Panel's workshops						Cocktail
		Plenary opening ceremony		Lunch break								
Thursday 30/Oct./2008	Panel's workshops			Lunch break		Panel's workshops						Cocktail
Friday 31/Oct./2008	SAR Demonstration Exercise *			Lunch break		Under cover 18-th European Directors Meeting of IMRF						Closing dinner

*** Note:** The exercise also includes a demonstration of encapsulation of hydrocarbons by AC “Environmental Services” Ltd. - Canada.



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“PREVENTING LOSS OF LIFE IN THE WORLD'S WATERS”



IMRF

(International Maritime Rescue Federation)

18-th Annual European Directors Meeting

31 Oct. 2008 / Varna, Bulgaria

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REGISTRATION FORM

2nd International Black sea Volunteers SAR Conference 29 - 30 October 2008

Attendee Name	First Name	Last Name
Title (Mr./Mrs./Miss/Other)		
Position		
Organization		
Are you coming alone?	☐ YES ☐ With Spouse	
Are you coming in Varna 30/31 Oct. for the 18th EDM?	☐ YES ☐ NO	
Would you like BULSAR to book a room for you in hotel "Azalia" ?	☐ YES ☐ NO	

Note:

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Arrival in Varna	Date:	Time:	Flight N°:
Departure from Varna	Date:	Time:	Flight N°:

Permanent Contact information:

Name	
Job title	
Organization/Company	
Address	
City	
Post Code/Zip	
Country	
Phone	
Fax	
Mobile phone	
E-Mail	

Please fill in the blank fields and return the form to BULSAR by E-Mail:

- conf-vn@bulsar.org
- *Members of IMRF to:* 18.EDM@bulsar.org

HOTEL ACOMODATIONS: Hotel AZALIA (** +)**

SPECIAL PRICES only for BULSAR

Double room or Single room is 18 (eighteen) EUR per person !

***The prices are based per day and include breakfast, free using of swimming pool with mineral water, fitness center, Finland bath, Internet, Table tennis;**

**In the rooms: | Bath-tub | Telephone | TV | Air conditioner | Refrigerator |
In the hotel: | Out door pool | Bar | Restaurant | Parking | Lift | Finland bath |**

Azalia Hotel & SPA is located in the oldest resort on the Northern Black Sea coast St. St. Constantine and Helena, situated on the coastline. Here you can enjoy the comfort, tranquility and excellent opportunities for an unforgettable holiday. It is a modern hotel complex offering a unique combination of alternative architecture, spectacular sea view and golden beaches. At disposal of its guests the hotel offers:

- Main restaurant with capacity of 180 seats indoors as well as 80 on the open-air panoramic view terrace located right above the sea waves
- Snack-bar located by the outdoor swimming pool
- Lobby bar
- Bar by the indoor swimming pool
- Modern Wellness&SPA center offering a wide range of wellness procedures
- Sauna and steam bath
- Modern fitness center
- Hairdresser's and beauty parlor
- Indoor and outdoor swimming pools with mineral water from the thermal springs in the resort
- Conference hall – cinema type with a capacity of 70 seats

Azalia Hotel & SPA offers accommodation in 250 spacious double rooms facing the sea, with central air conditioning enabling individual adjustment of the temperature.

The 9 floors complex is “Four-star plus” category and there is a panoramic elevator and a chopper landing place. The room furniture matches all the requirements of the modern tourist.

CLIMATIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CITY OF VARNA

(AT THE END OF OCTOBER AND THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER)

At the beginning of October the typical meteorological autumn starts along the Black Sea Coast. The average daily temperatures for the end of October in the region of the city of Varna are 12-13 degrees, and at the beginning of November 10-11 degrees. In October, the duration of the sun-shining of 164 hours decreases to 91 hours in November. The cloudiness is in the limits of 5-7 tenths. The 10-day quantities of the showers are 15-17 l/sq.m., and the number of the days with showers is 2-3. The average wind velocities are 3.7-4.0 m/s, and its most frequent direction is from Northwest. In October the frequency of the Northeast winds increases, causing high sea. The average height of the wave in the bay of Varna is 30 cm. The sea water temperature is some 14 degrees.

VARNA – AIR PORT INFORMATION:

www.air.bg

Varna International Airport

INVITATION:

We cordially welcome all interested international, non-governmental and governmental organizations and companies to participate in SAR 08-Varna.

If you want to make a presentation at sessions on related topics, please inform us by email no later than October 14, 2008.

