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TSCF News Update - December 2017

The TSCF Steering Committee Meeting No. 41 (SC41) was successfully arranged in London on December 6th by Shell and BP.

The Steering Committee met in London to review the 2017 Working Group Activities, confirm TSCF meeting plans for 2018 in addition to general discussions on the TSCF organisation and knowledge sharing on Tanker Structures and associated topics.

The highlights of the meeting were:

- Host Presentations by Mr. James Collet of BP and Mr. Ludvig Ekstrom of Shell providing an overview of the respective Companies and shipping projects.
- A review of the 2017 Working Group activities and progress on deliverables to date, highlights included;
 - A revised version of "Guidance Note on Fatigue for Double Hull Oil Tankers Complying with the CSR" to comply with 2016 CSR rules has now been completed and uploaded to the TSCF website.
 - In 2017, work has progressed well on the new Publication "Vibration Information Paper", which will include sources of vibration, analysis & measurements, acceptance criteria, resolving vibration induced damage, Class recommendations and recommendations to ship owners. The work group shall continue in 2018.
- The 2018 WG and SC meeting planning, which shall be as follows:
 - WG 51 Meeting Hosted by China Classification Society, Shanghai, 21st/ 22nd March
 - WG52 Meeting Co-Hosted by Bureau Veritas and Total, Paris, Q4 2018
 - SC 42 Meeting Co-Hosted by Bureau Veritas and Total, Paris, Q4 2018
- The forward plan for the next Ship Builders Meeting has been confirmed and a working group shall be established in 2018 to facilitate organisation of the event.

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- Confirmation on the 2018 Work Group Programme, which shall include:
 - Co-ordination of the publication of "Vibration Information Paper" continued from 2017.
 - A planning group dedicated to the Ship Builders Meeting shall be formed to coordinate the event.
 - The Standing Work Group on TSCF Website shall continue in 2018 working on website developments and Social Media opportunities.
 - PSPC GAP Assessment Work on the PSPC assessment shall continue in 2018 combining all information received to date.
- Sharing and discussion of member's experience, which included:
 - Information provided on an R&D project for the installation of wind sails on a VLCC.
 - Photographs and a case study was shared on the performance of differing antifouling products.

TSCF would like to thank BP and Shell for a very successful arrangement and thank all participants for constructive and open-minded knowledge sharing and discussions which forms the basis for the forum.

Should you have any queries on the TSCF, or interest in joining the Forum please do not hesitate to contact: <u>chairman@tscforum.org</u>