

**10th INTERNATIONAL  
SYMPOSIUM ON MARITIME HEALTH  
Quality Maritime Health and Seafarers Welfare**

**GOA INDIA, 23-26 September 2009**

**Organized by:**

**International Maritime Health Association (IMHA) and  
Maritime Health Association (MHA – India)**

Dr Suresh Idnani, Chairperson of the 10th International Symposium writes in the First Announcement:

Dear Colleagues,

Namaste and welcome to India.

On behalf of the Maritime Health Association – India and the Organizing Committee, it is with great pride and honour that I invite you to participate in the

**10th International Symposium on Maritime Health**

to be held in Goa, India, on 23-26 September 2009.

The theme of the Symposium is „Quality Maritime Health and Seafarers Welfare – A Global Perspective”.

The Maritime Industry has entered the new millenium with a bang. Giant strides have been taken in health, welfare, manning, training and education and telecommunication. The last decade has seen the maritime world attempting to consolidate these efforts on a global front. The Symposium seeks to bring together experts and learners from maritime and related fields and offers them a platform to share, discuss, debate and problem solve on quality issues concerning seafarers health, safety and welfare.

This Symposium welcomes all physicians, scientists, trainers, legislators and stake holders of the international shipping industry involved in the maritime health, safety and welfare of seafarers worldwide. The theme of this Symposium addresses matters on quality shipping worldwide which is an ILO Declaration (Maritime Labour Convention 2006).

It is our endeavour that all participants will gain from the plenary, group sessions, satellite workshops, poster presentations and the questions that will be debated during the open house sessions. The burning issues which affect shipping today like stress, psychological and interpersonal problems causing loss of manpower, talent and early burn outs will be debated on an international platform. Medical issues on ship and on shore is sought to be bridged through seafarer welfare services. This we need to comment taking cue from the successful ICSW-IMHA seafarers welfare initiatives in South East Asia.

The conference venue – GOA – is a drop of golden sun on the west coast of India and is bestowed upon by innumerable gifts: picturesque landscape, sun drenched beaches, historic monuments, pleasant climate, culinary expertise and above all, hospitable people.

Welcome to a cocoon of luxury that promises to gift you the finest working holiday.

And work it will be. The scientific programs will be organized over three days and will encompass topics related to Maritime Health and we invite speakers from among the maritime health professionals, government officials, administrators, ship owners and ship managers, seafarers organizations, and all other stake holders of the International Shipping Industry.

We look forward to hard working intermingled with entertaining social events, business tie ups, professional advancement and most of all, an enriching and satisfying symposium with academic fulfilment and happy memories.

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