EMSA CARRIES OUT FIRST REMOTE INSPECTION OF A RECOGNISED ORGANISATION

In September 2020, EMSA carried out its first remote inspection of a recognised organisation. The inspection took place remotely via videoconference with an accredited organisation, a classification society. This was the result of a collaborative action with an accredited organisation and another EU Member State that participated in the remote inspection process and was seen as a positive move. The inspection process, which included a technical analysis of the organisation’s capabilities, was very successful and is expected to be a model for future remote inspections. The inspection process included a detailed assessment of the organisation’s capabilities, including its ability to conduct on-site inspections, to ensure that the process is as effective as the traditional on-site inspection. The organisation was successful in demonstrating its ability to conduct on-site inspections, and it is expected that this will be a positive model for future remote inspections.

EMSA ED MARKS OPENING OF NEW ACADEMIC YEAR AT EMSA ACADEMY

On 15 October, EMSA virtually hosted Dr Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, the Executive Director of the University of Antwerp (UAntwerp) in Belgium, to open the new academic year. EMSA’s Executive Director opened the new academic year of the EMSA Academy. The EMSA Academy is a unique training platform for the maritime sector, providing cutting-edge training and education in areas such as maritime safety, security, and environmental protection.

EMSA ANNUAL MEETINGS WITH THE POLLUTION RESPONSE COMMUNITY HELD ONLINE

The 36th Meeting of the Consultative Technical Group for Oil Spill Recovery Vehicles (CTG ORV) was held online from 30 September to 2 October 2020. The meeting gathered 31 participants from 21 EU Member States and 16 other countries, and was the first CTG ORV meeting to take place virtually. The meeting was attended by representatives from the European Commission, Member States, and industry stakeholders. The meeting focused on the development of new technologies and best practices for oil spill response operations, with a particular emphasis on remote piloted aircraft systems (RPAS) and unmanned surface vessels (USVs). The meeting was well attended, with a high level of engagement and productive discussions. The meeting was well attended, with a high level of engagement and productive discussions. The meeting was well attended, with a high level of engagement and productive discussions. The meeting was well attended, with a high level of engagement and productive discussions. The meeting was well attended, with a high level of engagement and productive discussions.