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September 11, 1968 – May 24, 1973



11 Sept 1968

The Association was founded at a meeting at the office of Germanischer Lloyd in Hamburg by:

American Bureau of Shipping  
Bureau Veritas  
Det Norske Veritas  
Germanischer Lloyd  
Lloyd's Register of Shipping  
Nippon Kaiji Kyokai  
Registro Italiano Navale.

Dr Ing H G Schultz of Germanischer Lloyd took the post of the Chair of the Council.



10-11 Jun 1969

1st Council Meeting  
(Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg).



29 Oct 1969

IACS was granted consultative status with IMCO at the 6th regular IMCO Assembly.



1 Nov 1969

USSR Register of Shipping became a Member.



11 Dec 1969

2nd Council Meeting  
(Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg).



1-2 Jun 1970

3rd Council Meeting  
(Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg).



1 Oct 1970

Polski Rejestr Statków became a Member.



1 Jan 1971

Mr K Moriya of Nippon Kaiji Kyokai succeeded Dr Schultz as Chair of the Council.



6-7 Apr 1971

4th Council Meeting  
(Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Tokyo).



19-21 Apr 1972

5th Council Meeting  
(Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Tokyo).



1 Jan 1973

Mr E Privalov of USSR Register of Shipping succeeded Mr Moriya as Chair of the Council.



16 Apr 1973

Mr A Tsybulin of USSR Register of Shipping succeeded Mr Privalov as Chair of the Council.



27 Apr 1973

Jugoslavenski Registar Brodova became an Associate.



22-24 May 1973

6th Council Meeting  
(USSR Register of Shipping, Leningrad).

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June 4, 1974 – October 17, 1979



4–6 Jun 1974 7th Council Meeting  
(USSR Register of Shipping, Leningrad).



1 Jan 1975 Dr L Spinelli of Registro Italiano Navale succeeded Mr Tsybulin as  
Chair of the Council.



26-27 May 1975 8th Council Meeting  
(Registro Italiano Navale, Genoa).



1 Sept 1975 Korean Register of Shipping became an Associate.



1 April 1976 Mr F N Boylan was appointed IACS Permanent Representative to IMCO.



14-15 Jun 1976 9th Council Meeting  
(Registro Italiano Navale, Genoa).



1 Jan 1977 Mr G Bourceau of Bureau Veritas succeeded Dr Spinelli as Chair of the Council.



14 Jan 1977 DDR-Schiffs-Revision und-Klassifikation became an Associate.



23-24 May 1977 10th Council Meeting  
(Bureau Veritas, Paris).



22-24 May 1978 11th Council Meeting  
(Bureau Veritas, Paris).



28-29 June 1978 First GPG meeting at Permanent Representative's Office, London.  
Mr F. N. Boylan was elected the first GPG Chairman.



17-18 Aug 1978 GPG 2 meeting at Permanent Representative's Office, London.



18-20 Oct 1978 GPG 3 meeting at Permanent Representative's Office, London.  
Mr B. Hildrew succeeded Mr F. N. Boylan as GPG Chairman following GPG 3.



1 Jan 1979 Mr B Hildrew of Lloyd's Register of Shipping succeeded Mr Bourceau as  
Chair of the Council.



29-31 Jan 1979 GPG 4 meeting at Permanent Representative's Office, London.



17 April 1979 Mr T. A. Simpson of Lloyd's Register of Shipping succeeded Mr B. Hildrew as GPG  
Chairman.



4-6 Jun 1979 12th Council Meeting  
(Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London).



13-14 June 1979 GPG 5 meeting at Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London.



15-17 Oct 1979 GPG 6 meeting at Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London.

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March 11, 1980 – March 15, 1984

-  11-12 Mar 1980 GPG 7 meeting at Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London.
-  2-3 Jun 1980 13th Council Meeting  
(Lloyd's Register of shipping, London).
-  24-26 June 1980 GPG 8 meeting at Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London.
-  24-26 Sept 1980 GPG 9 meeting at Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London.
-  8 Dec 1980 1st Extraordinary Council Meeting  
(Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London).
-  1 Jan 1981 Mr Cygan of Polski Rejestr Statków succeeded Mr B Hildrew as  
Chair of the Council.  
Mr J. Markiewicz of Polski Rejestr succeeded Mr T A Simpson as GPG Chairman.
-  17-19 Mar 1981 GPG 10 meeting at Polski Rejestr Statkow, Gdansk.
-  1 Apr 1981 Mr T A Simpson succeeded Mr F Boylan as IACS Permanent Representative  
to IMCO.
-  9-11 Jun 1981 14th Council Meeting  
(Polski Rejestr Statkow, Gdansk).
-  3-5 Nov 1981 GPG 11 meeting at Polski Rejestr Statkow, Gdansk.
-  1 Apr 1982 Mr B Kurtz succeeded Mr T A Simpson as IACS Permanent Representative to IMO.
-  20-22 Apr 1982 GPG 12 meeting at Polski Rejestr Statkow, Gdansk,
-  15-17 Jun 1982 15th Council Meeting  
(Polski Regestr Statków, Gdansk).
-  1 Jul 1982 Mr L J Bates of American Bureau of Shipping succeeded Mr H Cygan as  
Chair of the Council.  
Mr R Hayden of Americal Bureau of Shipping succeeded Mr J Markiewicz as  
GPG Chairman.
-  13-14 Oct 1982 GPG 13 meeting at American Bureau of Shipping, New York.
-  14-16 Feb 1983 GPG 14 meeting at American Bureau of Shipping, New York.
-  26-28 Apr 1983 16th Council Meeting  
(American Bureau of Shipping, New York).
-  18-20 Oct 1983 GPG 15 meeting at American Bureau of Shipping, New York.
-  13-15 Mar 1984 GPG 16 meeting at American Bureau of Shipping, New York.

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May 8th, 1984 – May 31, 1988



8-10 May 1984 17th Council Meeting  
(American Bureau of Shipping, New York).



1 Jun 1984 Dr N Nordenstrom of Det Norske Veritas succeeded Mr L J Bates as  
Chair of the Council.  
Mr T C Mathiesen of Det Norske Veritas succeeded Mr R Hayden as  
Chairman of the GPG.



6-8 Nov 1984 GPG 17 meeting at Det Norske Veritas, Oslo.



1 Jan 1985 Mr J M Bates succeeded Mr B Kurtz as IACS Permanent Representative  
to IMO.



28-29 Jan 1985 2nd Extraordinary Council Meeting  
(Det Norske Veritas, Oslo).



19-21 Mar 1985 GPG 18 meeting at Det Norske Veritas, Oslo.



4-6 Jun 1985 18th Council Meeting  
(Det Norske Veritas, Oslo).



22-24 Oct 1985 GPG 19 meeting at Det Norske Veritas, Oslo.



27-29 May 1986 19th Council Meeting  
(Det Norske Veritas, Oslo).



4-6 Mar 1986 GPG 20 meeting at Det Norske Veritas, Oslo.



1 Jul 1986 Mr R Mau of Germanischer Lloyd succeeded Mr N Nordenstrom as  
Chair of the Council.  
Mr H Hormann of Germanischer Lloyd succeeded Mr T C Mathiesen as Chairman of  
the GPG.



20-22 Oct 1986 GPG 21 meeting at Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg.



3-5 Mar 1987 GPG 22 meeting at Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg.



19-21 May 1987 20th Council Meeting  
(Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg).



3-5 Nov 1987 GPG 23 meeting at Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg.



1-3 Mar 1988 GPG 24 meeting at Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg.



31 May-2 Jun 1988 21st Council Meeting  
(Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg).



31 May 1988 China Classification Society became a Member.


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May 31, 1968 – October 17, 1991

-  31 May 1988 Korean Register of Shipping became a Member.
-  1 Jul 1988 Mr M Abe of Nippon Kaiji Kyokai succeeded Mr R Mau as Chair of the Council.  
Mr K Ina of Nippon Kaiji Kyokai succeeded Mr H Hormann as Chairman of the GPG.
-  1 Jul 1988 Mr A Wiig succeeded Mr J Bates as IACS Permanent Representative to IMO.
-  4-6 Oct 1988 GPG 25 meeting at Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Tokyo.
-  1-3 Mar 1989 GPG 26 meeting at Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Tokyo.
-  30 May-1 Jun 1989 22nd Council Meeting (Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Tokyo).
-  3-5 Oct 1989 GPG 27 meeting at Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Tokyo.
-  6-8 Mar 1990 GPG 28 meeting at Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Tokyo.
-  29-31 May 1990 23rd Council Meeting (Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Tokyo).
-  1 Jul 1990 Mr R A Belik of USSR Register of Shipping succeeded Mr M Abe as Chair of the Council.  
Mr A Artemiev of USSR Register of Shipping succeeded Mr K Ina as Chairman of the GPG.
-  16-18 Oct 1990 GPG 29 meeting at USSR Register of Shipping, Leningrad.
-  5-6 Feb 1991 3rd Extraordinary Council Meeting (USSR Register of Shipping, /Det Norske Veritas, Oslo).
-  12-14 Mar 1991 GPG 30 meeting at USSR Register of Shipping, Leningrad.
-  3 Jun 1991 1st Summit Meeting (USSR Register of Shipping, Helsinki).
-  Decision made in principle to set up a Permanent Secretariat.
-  4-6 Jun 1991 24th Council Meeting (USSR Register of Shipping, Helsinki).
-  IACS Quality System Certification Scheme (QSCS) agreed.
-  15-17 Oct 1991 GPG 31 meeting at USSR Register of Shipping, Leningrad.

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December 2, 1991 – December 3, 1993



2 Dec 1991

2nd Summit Meeting  
(USSR Register of Shipping/Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London).  
Sir Roderick MacLeod of Lloyd's Register of Shipping elected as the first Vice-Chair of Council.



3 Dec 1991

4th Extraordinary Council Meeting  
(USSR Register of Shipping/ Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London).



Indian Register of Shipping became an Associate.



25-27 Feb 1992

GPG 32 meeting at USSR Register of Shipping, Leningrad.



1 Apr 1992

Mr J D Bell appointed as the first Permanent Secretary.



26-27 May 1992

25th Council Meeting  
(Register of Shipping, Helsinki).



1 Jul 1992

Sir Roderick MacLeod of Lloyd's Register of Shipping succeeded Mr R A Belik as Chair of the Council.



IACS Permanent Secretariat formally established in London.



Mr G Beaumont of Lloyd's Register of Shipping succeeded Mr A Artemiev as Chairman of the GPG.



12-14 Oct 1992

GPG 33 meeting at Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London.



23-24 Nov 1992

26th Council Meeting  
(Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London).



22 Jan 1993

Dr N Squassafichi appointed Acting Chair of Council on the death of Sir Roderick MacLeod.



16-18 Mar 1993

GPG 34 meeting at Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London.



8-9 June 1993

27th Council Meeting  
(Registro Italiano Navale, Genoa).



1 Jul 1993

Dr N Squassafichi of Registro Italiano Navale succeeded Sir Roderick MacLeod as Chair of the Council.  
Dr I Majolino of RINA succeeded Mr G Beaumont as Chairman of the GPG.



1 Jul 1993

Mr E T Reilly succeeded Mr A Wiig as IACS Permanent Representative to IMO.



12-14 Oct 1993

GPG 35 meeting at RINA, Genoa.



2-3 Dec 1993

28th Council Meeting  
(Registro Italiano Navale, Genoa).


















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March 23, 1994 – March 20, 1997

-  23-25 Mar 1994 GPG 36 meeting at RINA, Genoa.
-  31 May-1 Jun 1994 29th Council Meeting  
(Registro Italiano Navale, Genoa).
-  1 Jul 1994 Mr P de Livois of Bureau Veritas succeeded Dr Squassafichi as IACS Chair.  
Mr G Chaves of Bureau Veritas succeeded Dr I Majolino as Chairman of the GPG.
-  18-20 Oct 1994 GPG 37 meeting at Bureau Veritas, Paris.
-  1-2 Dec 1994 30th Council Meeting  
(Bureau Veritas, Paris).
-  22-24 Mar 1995 GPG 38 meeting at Bureau Veritas, Paris.
-  1-2 Jun 1995 31st Council Meeting.  
(Bureau Veritas, Paris).
-  1 Jul 1995 Mr F J Iarossi of American Bureau of Shipping succeeded Mr de Livois as  
IACS Chair.  
Mr S McIntyre of American Bureau of Shipping succeeded Mr G Chaves as  
Chairman of the GPG.
-  1 Jul 1995 Mr J R G Smith succeeded Mr E T Reilly as IACS Permanent Representative to IMO.
-  10 Oct 1995 5th Extraordinary Council Meeting  
(New York).
-  16-18 Oct 1995 GPG 39 meeting at American Bureau of Shipping, New York.
-  12-13 Dec 1995 32nd Council Meeting  
(London).
-  12-14 Mar 1996 GPG 40 meeting at American Bureau of Shipping, New York.
-  16-17 May 1996 33rd Council Meeting  
(American Bureau of Shipping, Houston).
-  1 Jul 1996 Mr Dong Jiufeng of China Classification Society succeeded Mr Iarossi as IACS Chair.  
Mr Liu Fusheng of China Classification Society succeeded Mr S McIntyre as  
Chairman of the GPG.
-  22-25 Oct 1996 GPG 41 meeting at China Classification Society, Beijing.
-  10-11 Dec 1996 34th Council Meeting  
(London).
-  18-20 Mar 1997 GPG 42 meeting at China Classification Society, Beijing.






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May 12, 1997 – February 16, 2000

-  12-13 May 1997 35th Council Meeting  
(China Classification Society, Beijing).
-  1 Jul 1997 Dr T-Chr Mathiesen (Det Norske Veritas) succeeded Mr Dong Jiufeng as IACS Chair.  
Mr A Myklebust of Det Norske Veritas succeeded Mr Liu Fusheng as Chairman of  
the GPG.
-  15 Oct 1997 6th Extraordinary Council Meeting  
(London).
-  22-24 Oct 1997 GPG 43 meeting at Det Norske Veritas, Oslo.
-  9-10 Dec 1997 36th Council Meeting  
(London).
-  17-19 Mar 1998 GPG 44 meeting at Det Norske Veritas, Oslo.
-  28-29 May 1998 37th Council Meeting  
(Det Norske Veritas, Oslo).
-  PRS became an Associate.
-  1 Jul 1998 Mr H C Shin of Korean Register of Shipping succeeded Dr Mathiesen as IACS Chair.  
Dr Lee of Korean Register of Shipping succeeded Mr A Myklebust as Chairman of  
the GPG.
-  13-15 Oct 1998 GPG 45 meeting at Korean Register of Shipping, Taejon.
-  3-4 Dec 1998 38th Council Meeting  
(London).
-  16-18 Mar 1999 GPG 46 meeting at Korean Register of Shipping, Taejon.
-  15-16 Jun 1999 39th Council Meeting  
(Korean Register of Shipping, Seoul).
-  1 Jul 1999 Dr Hans Payer of Germanischer Lloyd succeeded Mr H C Shin as IACS Chair.  
Mr H Hormann of Germanischer Lloyd succeeded Dr Lee as Chairman of the GPG.
-  1 Jul 1999 Mr R M Bradley succeeded Mr J D Bell as IACS Permanent Secretary.
-  13-15 Oct 1999 GPG 47 meeting at Germanischer Lloyd, Berlin.
-  2-3 Dec 1999 40th Council Meeting  
(London).
-  16 Feb 2000 7th Extraordinary Council Meeting  
(Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg).



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March 17, 2000 – October 4, 2002



15-17 Mar 2000 GPG 48 meeting at Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg.



3 Apr 2000 Mr J E C De Rose succeeded Mr J R G Smith as IACS Permanent Representative to IMO.



31 May-1 Jun 2000 41st Council Meeting  
(Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg).



1 Jun 2000 PRS lost its Associate status following an investigation concerning the loss of 'Leader L' with 18 lives in March 2000.

Associate status to be discontinued.



1 Jul 2000 Mr Masataka Hidaka of Nippon Kaiji Kyokai succeeded Dr Hans Payer as IACS Chair.  
Mr H Jin of Nippon Kaiji Kyokai succeeded Mr H Hormann as Chairman of the GPG.



11-13 Oct 2000 GPG 49 meeting at Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Tokyo.



6-8 Dec 2000 42nd Council Meeting  
(London).



13-16 Oct 2001 GPG 50 meeting at Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Tokyo.



22-24 May 2001 43rd Council Meeting  
(Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Tokyo).



1 Jul 2001 Mr Igor Ponomarev of Russian Maritime Register of Shipping succeeded Mr Hidaka as IACS Chair.  
Mr K Petrov of Russian Maritime Register of Shipping succeeded Mr H Jin as Chairman of the GPG.



2-4 Oct 2001 GPG 51 meeting at Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, St Petersburg.



5-7 Dec 2001 44th Council Meeting  
(London).



12-15 Mar 2002 GPG 52 meeting at Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, St Petersburg.



11-13 Jun 2002 45th Council Meeting  
(Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, St Petersburg).



1 Jul 2002 Mr Alan Gavin of Lloyd's Register of Shipping succeeded Mr Ponomarev as IACS Chair.  
Mr J Taverner of Lloyd's Register of Shipping succeeded Mr K Petrov as Chairman of the GPG.



2-4 Oct 2002 GPG 53 meeting at Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London.

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December 1, 2002 – June 16, 2005

-  1 Dec 2002 Mr Richard Leslie succeeded Mr Robin Bradley as Permanent Secretary.
-  17-19 Dec 2002 46th Council Meeting (London).
-  4-7 Mar 2003 GPG 54 meeting at Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London.
-  10-12 Jun 2003 47th Council Meeting (Lloyd's Register, London).
-  1 Jul 2003 Mr Ugo Salerno of RINA succeeded Mr Gavin as IACS Chair.  
Mr M Dogliani of RINA succeeded Mr J Taverner as Chairman of the GPG.
-  14-16 Oct 2003 GPG 55 meeting at RINA, Genoa.
-  16-18 Dec 2003 48th Council Meeting (London).
-  22-25 Mar 2004 GPG 56 meeting at RINA, Genoa.
-  15-17 Jun 2004 49th Council Meeting (RINA, Genoa).
-  1 Jul 2004 Mr Bernard Anne of Bureau Veritas succeeded Mr Salerno as IACS Chair.  
Mr J F Segretain of Bureau Veritas succeeded Mr M Dogliani as Chairman of the GPG.
-  18-20 Oct 2004 GPG 57 meeting at Bureau Veritas, Paris.
-  28 Oct 2004 8th Extraordinary Council Meeting (London).
-  14-16 Dec 2004 50th Council Meeting (London).
-  31 Dec 2004 Croatian Register of Shipping (Hrvatski Register Brodova, formerly Jugoslavenski Registar) left the Association as part of the phase-out of the Associate status.
-  15-18 Mar 2005 GPG 58 meeting at Bureau Veritas, Paris.
-  29 Mar 2005 9th Extraordinary Council Meeting (London).
-  13 Jun 2005 Meeting of Chief Executive Officers (Paris).
-  14-16 June 2005 51st Council Meeting (Paris).

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July 1, 2005 – December 13, 2007

-  1 Jul 2005 Mr Robert Somerville, ABS, succeeded Mr Anne as IACS Council Chair. Mr S McIntyre of American Bureau of Shipping succeeded Mr J F Segretain as Chairman of the GPG.
-  4-6 Oct 2005 GPG 59 meeting at American Bureau of Shipping, Houston.
-  13-15 Dec 2005 52nd Council Meeting, London.
-  Adoption of Common Structural Rules for Bulk Carriers and Double Hull Oil Tankers.
-  14-16 Mar 2006 GPG 60 meeting at American Bureau of Shipping, Houston.
-  1 Apr 2006 Application date of the Common Structural Rules.
-  27-29 Jun 2006 53rd Council Meeting (New York).
-  1 Jul 2006 Mr Li Kejun, CCS, succeeded Mr Somerville as Council Chair.  
Mr Mo Jianhui of China Classification Society succeeded Mr S McIntyre as Chairman of the GPG.
-  24-26 Oct 2006 GPG 61 meeting at China Classification Society, Beijing.
-  12-14 Dec 2006 54th Council Meeting (London).
-  Associate Status restored.
-  20-22 Mar 2007 GPG 62 meeting at China Classification Society, Beijing.
-  17 Apr 2007 Special Council Meeting and Workshop (Brussels).
-  19-21 Jun 2007 55th Council Meeting (Beijing).
-  1 Jul 2007 Dr Tor E Svensen, DNV, succeeded Mr Li as Council Chair. Mr S Dahl of DNV succeeded Mr Mo Jianhui as Chairman of the GPG.
-  19 Sep 2007 Special Council Meeting (Tokyo).
-  23-25 Oct 2007 GPG 63 meeting at Det Norske Veritas, Oslo.
-  11-13 Dec 2007 56th Council Meeting (London).

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January 29, 2008 – July 1, 2009

-  29 Jan 2008 European Commission Competition Investigation commenced with raids on the head offices of BV, DNV, GL, LR, RINA and the Permanent Secretariat.
-  13 Feb 2008 10th Extraordinary Council Meeting (London).
-  7 Apr 2008 Mr P Sadler succeeded Mr J E C De Rose as IACS Permanent Representative to IMO.
-  15-17 Apr 2008 GPG 64 meeting at Det Norske Veritas, Oslo.
-  17-19 Jun 2008 57th Council Meeting (DNV, Oslo).
-  1 Jul 2008 Mr Oh Kong-gyun, KR, succeeded Dr Svensen as Council Chair. Dr Kim Jong-hyun of KR succeeded Mr S Dahl as Chairman of the GPG.
-  26 Aug 2008 11th Extraordinary Council Meeting (London).
-  21-23 Oct 2008 GPG 65 meeting at Korean Register of Shipping, Daejeon.
-  18 Nov 2008 12th Extraordinary Council Meeting (London).
-  9-11 Dec 2008 58th Council Meeting (London).
-  2-3 Feb 2009 13th Extraordinary Council Meeting (London).
-  5-6 Mar 2009 14th Extraordinary Council Meeting (London).
-  24-26 Mar 2009 GPG 66 meeting at Korean Register of Shipping (Jeju Island, Korea).
-  26 Mar 2009 15th Extraordinary Council Meeting (London).
-  6 May 2009 16th Extraordinary Council Meeting (London).
-  16-18 Jun 2009 59th Council Meeting (Jeju Island, Korea).
-  1 Jul 2009 Dr Hermann Klein, GL, succeeded Mr Oh as Council Chair. Mr S Assheuer of GL succeeded Dr Kim Jong-hyun as Chairman of the GPG.

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September 14, 2009 – April 7, 2011



14 Sep 2009

Mr Derek Hodgson succeeded Mr Leslie as Permanent Secretary.



14 Oct 2009

European Commission settled its investigation with no finding of an infringement of competition law by IACS.

Commitments were made regarding Criteria for IACS Membership, procedures for non-IACS classification society participation in the development of IACS Resolutions (defined); availability of Resolutions and their backgrounds; and the establishment of an Independent Appeal Board.

The QSCS was amended such that audits and assessment of compliance with the QSCS will be carried out by independent external Accredited Certification Body or Bodies, rather than IACS's own auditors, and without any involvement of IACS' Council. It was also modified so that its requirements could be applied equally by IACS Members and non-IACS Class Societies, including those that do not wish to apply for IACS Membership.

The investigation caused very heavy expenditure on legal counsel and management resources and serious delays to some important IACS work.



20-22 Oct 2009

GPG 67 meeting at Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg.



27 Oct 2009

17th Extraordinary Council Meeting (London).

New IACS Charter formally adopted.



8-10 Dec 2009

60th Council Meeting (London).



16-18 Mar 2010

GPG 68 meeting at Germanischer Lloyd, Hamburg.



22-24 Jun 2010

61st Council Meeting (Hamburg).



22 Jun 2010

At C61, Indian Register of Shipping became a full Member of IACS and with that, the category of 'Associate' ended.



1 Jul 2010

Mr Noboru Ueda, NK, succeeded Dr Klein as Council Chair.  
Dr T Arima of NK succeeded Mr S Assheuer as Chairman of the GPG.



19-21 Oct 2010

GPG 69 meeting at Nippon Kaiji kyokai, Tokyo.



7-9 Dec 2010

62nd Council Meeting (London).



5-7 Apr 2011

GPG 70 meeting at Seoul, South Korea.















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May 3, 2011 – April 10, 2014

-  3 May 2011 Croatian Register of Shipping (Hrvatski Register Brodova) became a Member of IACS.
-  3 Jun 2011 Polish Register of Shipping (Polski Rejestr Statków) became a Member of IACS.
-  21-23 Jun 2011 63rd Council Meeting (Kyoto).
-  1 Jul 2011 Mr Pavel V Shikhov (RS) succeeded Mr Ueda as Council Chair. Mr M Sorokin of RS succeeded Dr T Arima as Chairman of the GPG.
-  1-3 Nov 2011 GPG 71 meeting at Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, St Petersburg.
-  6-8 Dec 2011 64th Council Meeting (London)
-  17-19 Apr 2012 GPG 72 meeting at Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, St Petersburg.
-  29-31 May 2012 65th Council Meeting (Saint Petersburg).
-  1 Jul 2012 Mr Tom Boardley (LR) succeeded Mr Shikhov as Council Chair. Mr K Petrov of LR succeeded Mr M Sorokin as Chairman of the GPG.
-  9-11 Oct 2012 GPG 73 meeting at Lloyd's Register, London.
-  11-13 Dec 2012 66th Council Meeting (London)
-  9-11 Apr 2013 GPG 74 meeting at Richmond, London.
-  25-27 June 2013 67th Council Meeting (Oxford, UK)
-  1 July 2013 Mr Roberto Cazzulo (RINA) succeeded Mr Tom Boardley as Council Chair. Ms Laura Scuteri of RINA succeeded Mr K Petrov as Chair person of the GPG.
-  29-31 Oct 2013 GPG 75 meeting at RINA, Genoa.
-  17 Dec 2013 DNV & GL merge.
-  18-19 Dec 2013 68th Council Meeting (London).
-  Adoption of Common Structural Rules for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers.
-  1 Jan 2014 Splitting of Statutory Panel into Environmental and Safety Panels.

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June 16, 2014 – December 8, 2016

-  8-10 Apr 2014 GPG 76 meeting at RINA, Genoa.
-  16 June 2014 GL resigns from IACS.
-  24-26 June 2014 69th Council Meeting (Santa Margherita, Ligure, Italy)
-  1 July 2014 Mr Philippe Donche-Gay (BV) succeeded Mr Roberto Cazzulo as Council Chair. Mr Patrick Le Dily of BV succeeded Ms Laura Scuteri as Chairman of the GPG.
-  7-9 Oct 2014 GPG 77 meeting at BV, Paris.
-  10-11 Dec 2014 70th Council Meeting (London)
-  8-10 Apr 2015 GPG 78 Meeting at BV, Paris
-  30 June to 2 July 71st Council Meeting (Paris)
-  1 July 2015 Application of Common Structural Rules for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers.
-  1 July 2015 Mr Chris Wiernicki (ABS) succeeded Mr Philippe Donche-Gay as Council Chair. Mr Robert Giuffra of ABS succeeded Mr Patrick Le Dily as Chairman of GPG.
-  3 July 2015 Mr Robert Ashdown succeeded Mr Derek Hodgson as IACS Secretary General.
-  21-23 Oct 2015 GPG 79 meeting at ABS, New York.
-  9-10 Dec 2015 72nd Council Meeting (London)
-  5-7 Apr 2016 GPG 80 meeting at ABS, Houston
-  13 May 2016 IMO MSC 96 approves MSC.1/Circ.1518 confirming that ships contracted under the 12 IACS Members' verified rules are deemed to meet the GBS Standards (resolution MSC.287(87))
-  28-29 June 2016 73rd Council Meeting (Washington D.C.)
-  1 July 2016 Dr Sun Licheng (CCS) succeeded Mr Christopher J. Wiernicki (ABS) as Council Chair. Mr Li Zhiyuan (CCS) succeeded Mr Robert Giuffra as Chair of GPG.
-  17-20 Oct 2016 GPG 81 Meeting at CCS, Beijing
-  7-8 Dec 2016 74th Council Meeting (London)


















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April 25, 2017 – July 1, 2020

-  25-27 April 2017 GPG 82 Meeting at CCS, Shanghai
-  21-22 June 2017 75th Council Meeting (Beijing)
-  1 July 2017 Mr Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen (DNV GL) succeeded Dr Sun Licheng (CCS) as Council Chair.  
Mr Sverre J. Dahl (DNV GL) succeeded Mr Li Zhiyuan (CCS) as Chair of GPG.
-  17-19 Oct 2017 GPG 83 Meeting at DNV GL (Hamburg)
-  13-14 Dec 2017 76th Council Meeting (London)
-  18-19 April 2018 GPG 84 Meeting at DNV GL (Oslo)
-  27-28 June 2018 77th Council Meeting (Hamburg)
-  1 July 2018 Mr Lee Jeong-kie (KR) succeeded Mr Knut Orbeck-Nilssen (DNV GL) as Council Chair  
Mr Park Joo-sung (KR) succeeded Mr Sverre J. Dahl (DNV GL) as Chair of GPG
-  16-18 Oct 2018 GPG 85 Meeting at KR (Busan)
-  12-13 Dec 2018 78th Council Meeting (London)
-  16-17 April 2019 GPG 86 Meeting at Jeju island, South Korea
-  26-27 June 2019 79th Council Meeting (Busan)
-  1 July 2019 Mr Arun Sharma (IRS) succeeded Mr Lee Jeong-Kie (KR) as Council Chair  
Mr Vijay Arora (IRS) succeeded Mr Park Joo-sung (KR) as Chair of GPG
-  22-24 Oct 2019 GPG 87 Meeting at IRS (Mumbai)
-  1 Nov 2019 Mr Konstantin Petrov Joined as IACS Accredited Representative to IMO
-  11-12 Dec 2019 80th Council Meeting (London)
-  31 Dec 2019 Mr Paul Sadler retired as IACS Accredited Representative to IMO
-  March 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic starts (First case was identified in Wuhan PRC in circa December 2019)
-  15-16 Apr 2020 GPG 88 Meeting (Via Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic)
-  24-25 June 2020 81st Council Meeting (Via Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic)
-  1 July 2020 Mr Koichi Fujiwara (NK) succeeded Mr Arun Sharma (IRS) as Council Chair  
Mr Ajay Asok Kumar (NK) succeeded Mr Vijay Arora (IRS) as Chair of GPG





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-  27-29 Oct 2020 GPG 89 Meeting (Via Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic)
-  10 Nov 2020 18th Extraordinary Council Meeting (Via Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic)
-  09-10 Dec 2020 82nd Council Meeting (Via Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic)
-  01 March 2021 DNV GL changed its name to DNV
-  13-15 April 2021 GPG 90 Meeting (Via Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic)
-  11 May 2021 19th Extraordinary Council Meeting (Via Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic)
-  30 June 2021 & 1 July 2021 83rd Council Meeting (Via Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic)
-  1 July 2021 New IACS Governance Arrangements come into force  
Mr Nicholas Brown (LR) succeeded Mr Koichi Fujiwara (NK) as Council Chair  
Mr Zhiyuan Li (CCS) succeeded Dr Ajay Asok Kumar (NK) as Chair of GPG  
The GPG Chair and GPG Chair's Team reside in the IACS Permanent Secretariat
-  19-21 Oct 2021 GPG 91 Meeting (A Hybrid Meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic)  
(Broadway House - London)
-  08-09 Dec 2021 84th Council Meeting (Via Video Conference due to COVID-19)
-  11 Mar 2022 Withdrawal of RMRS IACS membership
-  12 April 2022 20th Extraordinary Council Meeting (A hybrid meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic)
-  13-14 April 2022 GPG 92 Meeting in London (A hybrid meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic)
-  28-29 June 2022 85th Council Meeting in London (A hybrid meeting with Video Conference facility)
-  18-20 Oct 2022 GPG 93 Meeting in London (A hybrid meeting with Video Conference facility)
-  7-8 Dec 2022 86th Council Meeting in London (A hybrid meeting with Video Conference facility)
-  1 March 2023 21st Extraordinary Council Meeting (A Virtual meeting)
-  19-20 April 2023 GPG 94 Meeting hosted by BV in Marseille, France (A physical meeting with Video Conference facility)
-  28-29 June 2023 87th Council meeting hosted by PRS in Gdansk, Poland (A physical meeting with Video Conference facility).
-  17-19 Oct 2023 GPG 95 Meeting in London (A physical meeting with Video Conference facility) 17-

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19 Oct 2023

GPG 95 in London



1 Nov 2023

Turk Loydu became a Member of IACS



13-14 Dec 2023

88th Council Meeting in London



1 Jan 2024

Mr Roberto Gazzulo (RINA) succeeded Mr Nicholas Brown (LR) as Council Chair



17-18 Apr 2024

GPG 96 Meeting hosted by CRS in Split, Croatia