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Two new signings as LRIT system gathers pace

Official co-ordinator the International Mobile Satellite Organisation has signed new services agreements with the Republic of Korea and Liberia under the global system for Long Range Identification and Tracking of Ships.

The signings took place during IMISO's 25th advisory committee session in Venice, Italy, in November, which was attended by representatives from 20 member states. Observers included personnel from four other member states, the IMO and the European Commission.

The committee approved the IMISO budget and LRIT audit fees for 2010 and also agreed procedures for auditing the performance of all LRIT data centres. Discussion on the status of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System also featured on the agenda.

A total of 31 LRIT data centres have been integrated into the system, which has been operational since July this year. A further six centres are at the testing stage and due to be integrated shortly, bringing the total to 43 overall including prototypes.

Performance audits of integrated centres and the interim International LRIT Data Exchange have started on a phased basis and will continue through 2010. IMISO has signed 25 LRIT services agreements to date and further agreements are in an advanced stage of negotiation.

The next advisory committee meeting will take place in March, when recommendations will be drawn up for the 21st IMISO Assembly session taking place in London in July.



New KPI system unveiled at SIS user conference

Highlights of the 2009 Star Information Systems user conference in Madrid included a presentation on the soon to be launched Star Fleet Dashboard for KPI and trend reporting.

The worldwide customer attendance ranged from event first-timers to delegates participating for the eighth consecutive year. They joined keynote speakers and SIS representatives at the Melia Madrid Princesa Hotel for a comprehensive programme of learning, discussion and networking.

Other sessions included a live presentation of the Star Fleet Supply Management system, a demonstration of new features in the Star IPS 3.20 solution and workshops on maintenance, HSEQ and fleet supply/logistics software.

Feedback from the workshops will play an important role in further development of Star systems and services.

