

Tanker Structure Co-operative Forum



TSCF News Update – March 2018

The TSCF Working Group Meeting No. 51 (WG51)

The Tanker Structure Cooperative Forum (a joint industrial group of Oil Companies, Classification Societies and independent owners) has its 51st Working Group meeting in Shanghai on 21st and 22nd March 2018 hosted at the China Classification Society headquarters.

China Class presented an overview of activities, guidelines and products such as intelligent ship (I-Ship), Unmanned Ship and Compass 3D. China Class has expanded its presence in many cities covering the globe and has been authorized to conduct surveys by 45 Flag states. The Class Society covers more than 100 million gross tonnes.

Ship construction file status was discussed and generally agreed that the practical aspects of the incorporation of intellectual Property rights with the data in the files were still being worked out.

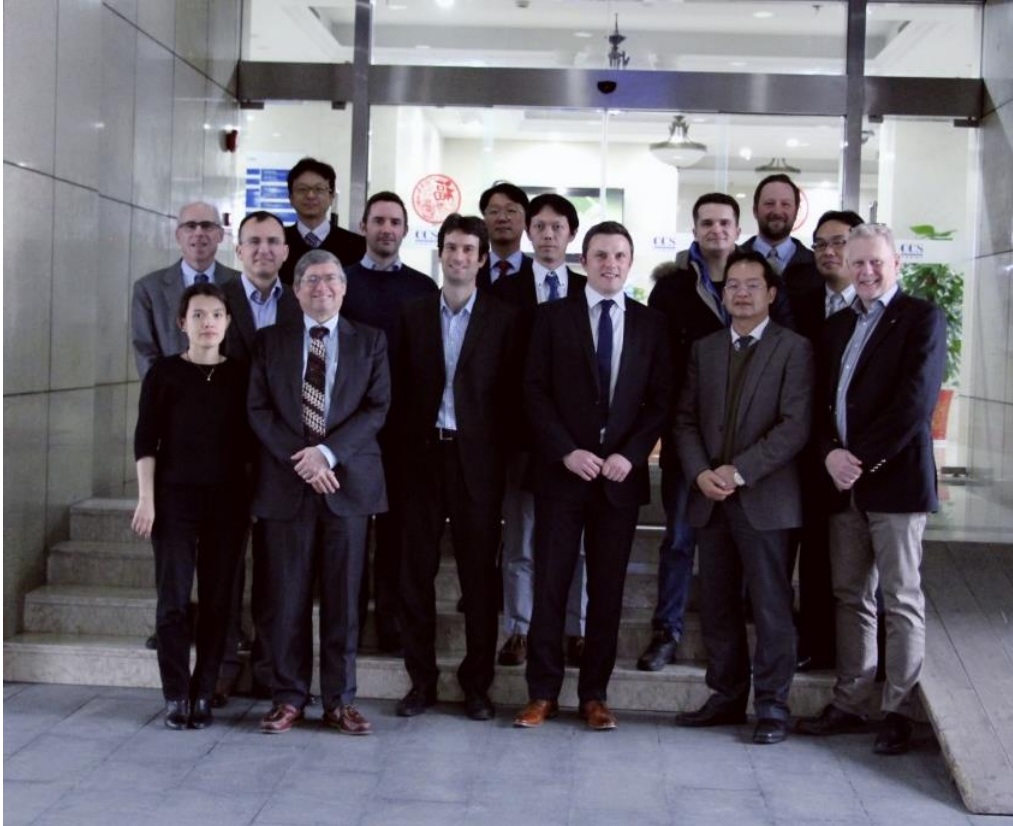
Russia Class (RS) summarised a report on hull structural issues associated with Ice Class ships using IMO's Polar Code. Operational support methodologies were discussed and possible future guideline topics were suggested.

Experience sharing of problems and solutions, without attribution, enhanced the overall technical value of the Work Group attendees. Topics included: ROV for cleaning and inspections, FPSO deck inserts, windsail assistance; and UTM NDE Failures and the need for best practices.

By acclamation, the working group to submit to the Steering Committee a proposal for a future Guidance Note on NDE best practices.

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

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