

## EMPA Journalist's Tour 2009

**By the end of June the President got an invitation from the German Navy to visit the Training Centre for Ships Safety and Security in Neustadt/Holstein in the framework of the 2009 EMPA Journalists' Tour.**

This unique institution is in charge of training ships crews in the fields of fire fighting, leak protection and ships overall security prior to the international evaluation before sending a ship into a mission.

Besides this they are conducting submarine rescue trainings in the 36 m high diving pot and they own a former frigates hulk for highly realistic hands on fire and leak trainings.

The German Navy is offering this visit to a group of EMPA journalists of at least 8 people who are invited to participate in the trainings if they wish

to. Support will be given for recherche and discussions in order to provide articles in our member papers. The Tevijas Sargs camera team will join us as well.

Considering the threats in missions like OEF and ATALANTA the training provided in Neustadt may be life-saving for the crews. We will get an inside view what a ships crew must be capable of, as not only the Training Centre will be showed but also the German frigate "Niedersachsen" will be on site.

See the detailed programme below.



Photo: German Navy

**EDITORIAL**



Dear members of EMPA,  
Our member Cmdr s.g. Draxler from the German Navy has organized the 2009 EMPA Journalists' Tour. It will lead us to the Training Centre for Ships Safety and Security in Neustadt/Holstein, Germany. On the invitation of the German Navy we will have an inside view into this unique training facility. Please send me an e-mail if you are interested in joining us on the EMPA-Tour 2009.

Do not forget to register for the Vienna Congress and to book your hotel as we need your names and ID-Card numbers for administration until July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

If there are brilliant articles to run for the EMPA-Award, please send them in to the Secretary General until July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to meet you in Vienna  
Yours

*J. Aschenbrenner*

**EMPA Journalist's Tour 2009**

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Neustadt/Holstein (Germany)  
nearest international airport: Hamburg  
nearest international port: Kiel

The German Navy will host at least 8 EMPA journalists. The costs for transport are on the participants own expense.

Those who are interested please contact the President:  
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Further details will be provided.



Photo: German Navy

## The Programme

### Tuesday, September 23<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- 2200 Arrival in Neustadt  
check in

### Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

0700 - 0800

Breakfast in the officers' mess

0815 Welcome by the chief of  
the AZS Cmdr Kuntz

0845 Boat tour to the frigate  
"Niedersachsen"

- Monitoring of the  
combat training
- Lunch with the training  
supervisors
- Boat tour back to  
Neustadt

### Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

0700 - 0800

Breakfast in the officers' mess

0815 Presentation of the  
burning hall

1000 Presentation of the respi-  
ration training

1130 Lunch

1300 Presentation of the leak  
protection trunk

1400 Presentation of the diving pot

1500 Presentation of the  
training hulk (former  
frigate "Köln")

Closing meeting

### Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

0700 - 0800

Breakfast in the officers' mess

0815 Departure

# Interested? Register ASAP!

## EMPA Congress 2009

October 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - Vienna, Austria

## See You in Vienna!



### Registration

*By the end of June already 40 members/spouses or observers have registered.*

Please make sure to register and to book your hotel NLT July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. You will find all forms necessary on the EMPA-homepage: [www.empaonline.com/Congress 2009](http://www.empaonline.com/Congress 2009).

*Do not forget to give us your Passport-No or ID-Card-No as we need them for obtaining your access and flight permissions!*

### EMPA-Award 2009 - last call

At the moment four entries reached the Secretary General. If there are some more brilliant articles don't miss to send them to the SG by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the latest.

### General Meeting

The General Meeting of the EMPA 2009 will take place within the framework of the Congress on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Austrian National Defence Academy in Vienna.

**Help, I need somebody**

**Help, not just anybody**

**Help, you know I need someone, help**

We are still in search of organizers for the congresses in 2010, 2011 (very likely in Switzerland) and 2012. Volunteers please report to the Secretary General. For the time being the President received two E-mails from our German and Serbian POCs, who said they are checking the possibilities of conducting a congress in their countries.

## Treasurers notice

# Your member-fee is expired!

If you are not sure about this, please contact

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Best regards from Switzerland

Jean-Paul

Do not forget to pay your annual member fee to:

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Account 36.202.000, in favour of  
EMPA/Bocklet/Gudit - BLZ 370 501 98  
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IBAN: DE15 3705 0198 0036 2020 00

## EMPA-Who is Who?

All members are invited to carefully check their particulars and report alterations to the Secretary General. Deadline for alterations or amendments will be by end of July in order to enable Erling to publish the next issue just in time before the Vienna Congress.



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