

NETWORKING: Young Confitarma president Andrea Garolla with Mariella Bottiglieri, managing director of Giuseppe Bottiglieri Shipping



WARM WORDS: Giuseppe 'Peppino' D'Amato (Left), chairman of Perseveranza di Navigazione, with historian Biagio Passaro
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Naples law event attracts maritime royalty



HOLDING COURT: (From left) ECSA president-elect Panos Laskaridis; Francesco Lauro, managing partner of Studio Legale Lauro; and ICS chairman Esben Poulsson

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Francesco Lauro's Shipping and the Law conferences have become one of the architectural delights of the Italian shipping calendar.

Last week's event, held in the 18th-century grandeur of the Court Theatre at the Royal Palace of Naples, was no exception.

The eighth edition of the annual conference, organised by Lauro's law firm Studio Legale Lauro, focused on the rise of China, climate change, and free trade and protectionism in the era of Brexit and the Trump administration.

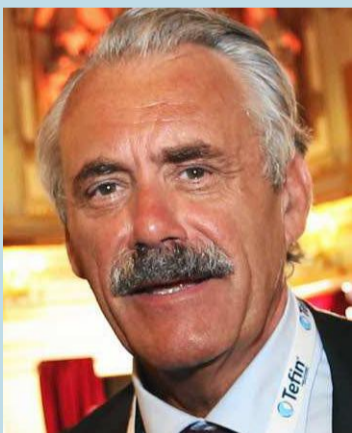
Speakers included European Community Shipowners' Association president-elect Panos Laskaridis, Confitarma president-elect Mario Mattioli, International Chamber of Shipping chairman Esben Poulsson and Antwerp Port Authority president Marc Van Peel.

Mans Jacobsson, former director of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds, spoke on the impending review of the funds' policy on economic loss from oil spills.

TradeWinds columnist Terry Macalister interviewed Banchemo Costa president Lorenzo Banchemo, and veteran Italian journalist Bianca D'Antonio interviewed Naples shipowner Peppino D'Amato.



HONOURED GUESTS: Mario Mattioli (left) of Italian shipowners' association Confitarma with energy economist Leo Drollas



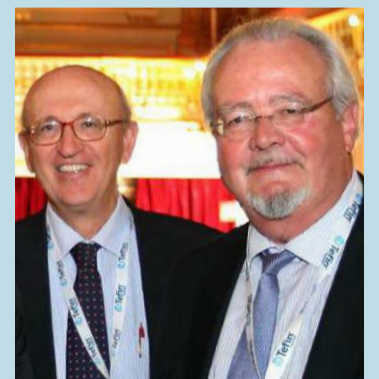
JIM WIIK: Crossbeam chairman and former chief executive of the Norwegian Hull Club



GIACOMO GAVARONE: President-elect of Young Confitarma



MAGDA KOPCZYNSKA: The European Commission's Director of waterborne transport



IN ATTENDANCE: Roberto D'Alimonte (left), of the political sciences department at Rome university LUISS, with Marc Van Peel of Antwerp Port Authority



TIME TO TALK: Banchemo Costa president Lorenzo Banchemo (left) discussed his 50 years in shipping with TradeWinds' Terry Macalister



THOMAS REHDER: Former ECSA president



HALL OF FAME: The conference was held in the Court Theatre of the Royal Palace of Naples, designed by Ferdinando Fuga in 1768