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## A Year at World Maritime University: AMSEA Director Dzugan Returns from Study Abroad

Although some may suspect otherwise, AMSEA Director Jerry Dzugan has *NOT* been windsurfing in the Caribbean or soaking up rays on Maui during the past 12 months. Instead, 5,000 miles away in Malmö, Sweden, he undertook World Maritime University's (WMU) Master of Science program in Marine Education and Training (MET),

WMU is a unique university started in 1983 under the auspices of the United Nation's International Maritime Organization (IMO). The IMO deals with international maritime issues such as safety and pollution. Although based in Sweden, the official language used at the university is English. WMU offers masters programs in Shipping Management, Port Management and Maritime Safety & Environmental Protection.

The goal of the university is to train specialized maritime personnel in nations around the world. Over the years, people from over 140 nations have attended. Last year's 210 students represented 72 nations. However, Jerry is the first WMU graduate from the U.S. Resident faculty are primarily from Europe and Asia, but 100 visiting professors are specialists hailing from many nations.

Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) is a major global initiative in marine education and training standards. Much of the MET course was focused on the effects and implementation of this regulation.

Field studies at different maritime training institutions were integral to the program. Students visited sites in Norway, France, Germany and Great Britain. And, just as important as the classroom training and field study, were the knowledge and experience shared among students. Most already work



in their field of study in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe.

Coursework included training simulation, computer and information technology, management, pedagogics, electronic navigation systems and much more. Jerry found the most challenging and rewarding part of the program, however, was living and studying in a diverse international environment. This environment was invaluable to Jerry as he wrote his thesis on cross-cultural communication onboard ships, and its effect on maritime safety in education. It is already a "best seller" at the WMU library.

What does Jerry's WMU training mean for AMSEA? For one thing, more AMSEA courses will be STCW-approved through the U.S. Coast Guard. The first course to receive this approval will be AMSEA's Instructor Trainer course. Since all licensed personnel on ships will need to have STCW certificates of training in the next few years, AMSEA will have appropriate training to meet this requirement.

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- Jerry

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