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OAA hosts UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency Human Element Advisory Group meeting on the implementation of STCW leadership and management training.



Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA) was pleased to host the UK MCA HEAG's (Human Element Advisory Group) 13th meeting at its London Heathrow training centre on November 3rd.

HEAG 13 was dedicated to discussing one of the outcomes of the June Manila STCW (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping) conference concerning the mandatory requirement for leadership and management training within STCW which begins 1st January 2012. Seventy participants attended the event filling the conference room to capacity.



From Left: Debasis Mazumdar, MCA ISM/ISO Policy Manager; Roger Towner, Head of MCA Seafarer Services and Ship Registration; Marc Williams, MCA Human Element Team; Paul Coley, Assistant Director MCA Seafarers and Ships; Nick Wilcox, OAA Manager MCRM; Thomas Gunnarsson, OAA Snr MCRM instructor; Adam Cowburn OAA Head of MCRM; David Turner, MCA Human Element Policy Manager.

As part of the Manila requirements OAA is currently in discussions with a number of organisations Worldwide to gain accreditation of the leadership and management content of its MCRM (Maritime Crew Resource Management) course.

OAA has been at the forefront of Human Factor training for the maritime industry since the development of the original BRM course by SAS Flight Academy (an OAA acquired company) and partners. BRM has since been further developed into MCRM (Maritime Crew Resource Management) encompassing training for the Bridge and Engine room. MCRM deals with the psychology and interpersonal skills required by crew to operate safely on board vessels. Independent behavioural analysis has proven that the training program delivers significant improvements in crew attitude and behaviour to safety.

The backbone of MCRM classroom training, whether delivered by OAA instructors or licensed by the customer, is its interactive CBT programme devised and regularly upgraded by OAA's award winning media team.

OAA has trained over 20,000 maritime crew to date. Customers include Chevron Shipping with which OAA has recently signed a five year agreement for training of all crew. The MCRM portfolio of courses includes Initial, Workshop Leader, Command, Superintendent, Rating, Shore Management, CCM and Offshore training.

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