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German Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (Bundesstelle für Seeunfalluntersuchung, BSU) names new Deputy Director

Ferenc John to succeed Jürgen Albers

As of today, the previous Deputy Director of the BSU, Mr Jürgen Albers, enters into the passive phase of his partial retirement. The qualified naval architect had a significant influence on the BSU from the very beginning, and indeed over the years: When the BSU was established in 2002 and in need of skilled personnel, Mr Albers was one of the first to be recruited that very same year. He was Deputy Director and first Lead Investigator at the BSU as of 2003. The BSU benefited greatly from his broad range of experience as well as his theoretical and practical knowledge, particularly in the fields of passenger ships and maritime heritage vessels. He previously held other positions, including one at the Bloom & Voss shipyard immediately opposite the BSU. Mr Albers will remain involved in shipping in various ways after his retirement, for example as the skipper of the sailing ship FRIEDA.

As of today, Mr Ferenc John succeeds him in his duties. Born in Röbel/Müritz, the qualified lawyer and Master Mariner has been supporting the BSU as Lead Investigator since 2003. “With Mr John, we have managed to enlist a well-versed and very experienced Lead Investigator as Deputy Director, and he will most certainly meet the requirements of this position,” says Ulf Kaspera, Director of the BSU. “I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Albers for his services and wish him all the best for the future.” Mr John has demonstrated his skills repeatedly over the past 17 years. The accidents of the foundering of the fishing vessel CONDOR, the stranding of the GLORY AMSTERDAM, and most recently the loss of containers from the MSC ZOE were investigated in great detail under his leadership, attracting international attention and leading to numerous ship safety recommendations.

Ulf Kaspera
Director