



Welcome to this month's IHS Maritime customer newsletter. We are all fully aware that the global drivers of trade include population, economics and trade capacity, resource availability, supply and demand, environmental issues and much more. These drivers are those that impact our industry and determine much of the shape of the Maritime arena. These were all items of discussion during London's recent **International Shipping Week** which saw IHS Maritime connecting with industry colleagues and friends alike, to discuss and debate the pressing matters of the day. We thank everyone who joined us at the Gala dinner and look forward to more lively interaction in the future.

As the global economic recovery starts to take shape, faster in some countries than others, most agree that the recovery will take time and that a very different economic world will emerge. Emerging countries, spurred on by some of the key drivers mentioned earlier, will have the opportunity to accelerate and solidify their place in the new economic order. However, key challenges will need to be addressed and these I am sure will be the subject of discussion at the upcoming Maritime & Coastal Security Africa conference in Cape Town. Security is something we have a lot of insight about here at IHS, as we have colleagues working together from our Maritime and Aerospace and Defence (formerly Jane's) groups, thinking through the big issues.

Safety is also something that we are keenly involved with here at IHS Maritime and the recent raising of the Costa Concordia served, not only as a hugely impressive technical feat, but also a stark reminder of the need for vigilance and a constant eye on training and safety within our industry.

As ever, IHS Maritime colleagues have been working hard to continue the never ending series of information enhancements that benefit our customers. We have also continued our focus on generating genuine insight into the future outlook of the industry, to help our customers make the right decisions at the right time, utilising our own in-house expertise and the world's largest Maritime database. This combined with our premier AIS network, enables us to help you make your day job easier and be more competitive in today's ever changing world.

We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and find it valuable for both you and your business.