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THIS ARTICLE PRESENTS  
THE ACTUAL STATE AND PROSPECTS OF  
FURTHER CO-OPERATION  
OF THE MERCHANT NAVY ACADEMY, GDYNIA  
WITH FOREIGN MARITIME COLLEGES.



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## The co-operation with foreign maritime colleges

The basic objectives of such co-operation cover the improving of the level of the didactic, scientific and educational work by way of exchanging experiences, materials and publications, short practical trainings connected with delivering lectures as well as joint undertaking of scientific-research and research-development work. A special feature of co-operation is the exchange of groups of students and workers undergoing education within the framework of doctoral studies, and also invitation of scientific-didactic workers as guest professors.

The 1984/85 academic year witnessed animation of the international co-operation and contacts of the Academy. It took up a range of new initiatives striving for expanding the co-operation with foreign colleges, and thus increasing the chances for the Academy's workers and students in the sphere of gain-

ing new experiences and increasing their professional knowledge.

Traditionally good are the Academy's relations with the Admiral Makarow Memorial Merchant Navy Academy, Leningrad. These relations consist, first and foremost, in the assistance rendered by the Soviet college in the sphere of education of a young scientific-didactic staff. At present the Merchant Navy Academy, Gdynia, employs about 20 doctors in technical and sea navigation sciences educated at the Leningrad Academy. A few further scientific-didactic workers from the Merchant Navy Academy have undertaken doctoral studies at the Admiral Makarew Academy this academic year. In addition to educating scientific workers, both the Academies are exchanging didactic and scientific publications, their workers taking part in symposia and scientific conferences arranged by

the partner. Equally close are the relations of the Gdynia Academy with the Marine Engineering School of Warnemünde/Wustrow /GDR/. The co-operation of both the schools is based on an agreement concluded up several years ago.

This academic year the number of exchanged scientific practical trainings amounts to about 100 person days for either party; while undergoing practical training the workers of both the schools deliver lectures and conduct seminars. Each year the scientists from the Merchant Navy Academy, Gdynia deliver several lectures at international symposia traditionally arranged by the German school. Similarly, exchange of groups of students undergoing practical training connected with implementation of a programme of didactic occupations is taking place. At present one worker of the Merchant Navy Acad-

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emy, Gdynia, is undergoing doctoral studies at Warnemünde. It is expected to expand the co-operation between both the schools connected with undertaking joint studies on problems of technical operation of sea-going ships.

For several years co-operation has been carried on with the Navigation Department of the Technical University at Bremen /FRG/. Practical training of students of the Merchant Navy Academy's Navigation Department on ship maneuvering simulators and night lights at Bremen is continued, students, from Bremen undergoing short practical trainings on instrumental vessels of the Gdynia Academy. Short practical trainings of scientific-didactic workers are being exchanged; two persons of either party are undergoing such practical training this year, it being possible to increase the number of persons depending on the financial resources of the FRG party. Again the school of Bremen has invited a specialist in maritime law as guest professor from the Merchant Navy Academy, Gdynia to deliver a cycle of lectures. Probably, it will be possible to continue this kind of co-operation with the School of Bremen in the future as well.

The co-operation with the Technical University of Bremenhaven /FRG/ is based on an agreement of 1978. One of the joint scientific projects has been concluded successfully /a momentometer for the Mechanical Department of the Bremenhaven school/. This year 6 scientific-didactic workers from the Merchant Navy Academy, Gdynia are undergoing short scientific trainings at Bremenhaven, 2-3 workers from the FRG are to undergo similar practical trainings at Gdynia. Simultaneously our Academy has admitted a group of German students implementing a didactic programme at the laboratories of the Mechanical and Electrical Departments. Every year both the schools issue a joint scientific bulletin in English containing the results of their joint scientific research.

In 1984 the Academy also established co-operation with the Transport Department of the Technical University, Budapest. Within the framework of an agreement, an exchange of 3-week student practical trainings has taken place this year. A group of Hungarian students is undergoing a radar practice in Gdynia, students from the Navigation Department undergoing practical training at the rescuing

centre on the Balaton and electronic industrial works in Budapest. It is to be supposed that there is also a possibility of extending the co-operation in the future, including reciprocal exchange of scientific-didactic workers to undergo a short scientific practice. The Hungarian party takes interest in problems of navigation, operation of ship power plants and general transport.

The co-operation with the Sea Transport Academy, Shanghai, is conducted on the basis of an agreement signed this academic year. The agreement provides for scientific and didactic co-operation. A 4-person delegation from the Sea Transport Academy, Shanghai, headed by its Rector is expected in Gdynia in October 1985. The Chinese party is in particular interested in co-operation in the field of up-to-date techniques and technologies in sea transport. Within the framework of co-operation there are plans for an exchange of 2-3 scientific-didactic practices connected with delivering a cycle of lectures in English.

In May this year a co-operation agreement was signed between the Merchant Navy Academy, Gdynia and the Maritime Studies Department of the University at Rijeka /Yugoslavia/. This Department is educating about 1000 students specializing as engineer-navigators, engineer-mechanics and radio-officers. A Yugoslavian delegation is to arrive in Gdynia in September 1985 to conduct detailed discussions on the subject of the co-operation. A reciprocal exchange of 2-3 persons from either school is to be expected. The school of Rijeka conducts interesting studies on maritime law, sea communication, employing computer technique in navigation, and technical operation of ship systems and equipment.

The Merchant Navy Academy, Gdynia also co-operates with the Navigation Department of Kotor belonging to the University of Titograd /Yugoslavia/. This co-operation is based on an agreement concluded a few years ago; due to financial difficulties, the Yugoslavian party was compelled to restrict fulfilment of the agreement stipulations. At present, a possibility of resuming the co-operation comes into view. The management of the Gdynia Academy has been invited to Kotor in order to discuss the conditions and schedule of joint activities in 1986.

This academic year, the management of the Academy has taken up an initiative to establish a scientific

and didactic co-operation with the Department of Maritime Studies and Transport of the Technical University, Plymouth. In May 1985 a delegation of the Gdynia Academy visited Plymouth to hold talks on the subject of a possible agreement. Both parties expressed their interest in mutual co-operation respecting the subjects lectured at the navigation departments and also in the field of economics and sea transport management. It is also possible to establish co-operation with other departments of the Technical University, Plymouth, in particular in the sphere of operating ship power plants and employing computers in the process of operating the machinery. In autumn this year, a delegation from the Maritime Department of the Technical University, Plymouth will pay a visit to our Academy. During this visit, the signing of an agreement on co-operation between both the schools is foreseen.

A particularly interesting partner for co-operation to our Academy is the World Maritime University of Malmoe /Sweden/ which - under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization - conducts courses and studies for lecturers of maritime schools from the developing countries. The co-operation with the World Maritime University is based on an agreement concluded between the Office for Maritime Economy and the University. Within the framework of co-operation, specialists from our Academy are being invited to deliver lectures at Malmoe as guest professors. In September 1985, students from the World Maritime University will undergo short practical training on board the training vessel *Dar Młodzieży*. It is expected to further the co-operation, groups of students to be admitted to undergo specialistic studies at laboratories of the Gdynia Academy.

Estimating the extent and forms of the co-operation of the Merchant Navy Academy, Gdynia with maritime schools abroad, the Senate of the Academy confirmed at the session held in June 1985 that the present profile and extent of this co-operation secures the interest of scientific development of the workers of our Academy. The co-operation brings about definite profits in way of raising the level of the didactic process at the Academy as well.