

RINA-d'Amico Student Naval Architect Award honours Marco Zunino

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The **RINA-d'Amico** Student Naval Architect Award was assigned on Tuesday at the Scuola Politecnica of the University of Genoa: the exclusive award, at its XXI edition, conferred by the Royal Institution of Naval Architects in partnership with the **d'Amico** Group, honoured Marco Zunino's thesis.

Mr Zunino, graduated with honours in Naval Engineering at the University of Genoa, was awarded with the thesis 'Design of an USV able to support ship towing emergency operations'. The paper discussed the project

aspects of a standalone unit supporting trailer emergency activities in ship damage conditions.

The **d'Amico** Group is strongly interested in maritime academic institutions in order to build the future of shipping, together with young people and international institutions. The partnership with the Royal Institution of Naval Architects – the British professional association of naval engineers founded in 1860, London – and the Naval Engineering Department of Genoa University (DITEN) strengthened in recent years, in order to promote and foster the exchange of technical and scientific information in ship-designing and shipbuilding.

In this framework, the Group launched an important investment plan to renewing its fleet with last generation's eco-ships that preempt international standards, combining performance, energy saving and marine ecosystems' full respect.

"Our company has always invested a lot in promoting merit and talent of the new generations. It is an honour to reward abilities of a young naval engineer graduate of the prestigious University of Genoa," said Lucio Bonaso, CEO of **d'Amico** Dry, who graduated in the same University.

"Our ambition is to support the development of Sea Economy, hence all our efforts address to the support of the best universities."

The partnership with the Naval Engineering department of the University of Genoa gives young talents the opportunity to touch with hand important entrepreneurial realities such as the **d'Amico** Group, in which they have the chance to demonstrate their abilities in different technical departments.

The Student Naval Architect Award is awarded by the Royal Institution of Naval Architects in more than 30 universities around the world, including the historic University of Genoa, thanks to its great tradition and collaboration with the naval world.

At the end of the awards ceremony, a seminar entitled 'Entry into force of harmonized common structural rules for tanker and bulk carriers, in accordance to the IMO Goal Based Standards', chaired by Professor Carlo Podenzana-Bonvino (RINA Genoa Branch) and organised in

collaboration with the Genoa Order of Engineers and the Italian Association of Naval Technique. The seminar was attended by Prof Cesare Rizzo, University of Genoa – DITEN, by Eng. Dino Cervetto, Director – Head of Unit Services RINA Technical Services and by Eng. Maurizio **d'Amico**, Business & Technology Development Director of **d'Amico** Società di Navigazione.

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