



XIII edition of the “Student Naval Architect Award”:

d’Amico Group and Royal Institution of Naval Architects award Riccardo Righetti

The prestigious international prize has been conferred to the young graduated student in Naval Engineering at Genova University, thanks to an experimental dissertation that analyses, through a mathematic model, the manoeuvrability of a container ship.

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Yesterday, at the Polytechnic School of Genova University, the “**Student Naval Architect Award**”, promoted by the **Royal Institution of Naval Architects** in collaboration with **d’Amico Group**, has been conferred to Eng. Riccardo Righetti, winner of the thirteenth edition of the prestigious award.

Riccardo Righetti, graduated in Naval Engineering at Genova University, obtained the award with the dissertation ““Identification and validation of a manoeuvring mathematical model by means of model test results”. The thesis based on an experimental research, carried out with the Maritime Research Institute Netherlands, analysed the movements of a container ship in order to create a specific mathematic model aimed at reproducing its manoeuvres in the water.

The **Royal Institution of Naval Architects** confers the “**Student Naval Architect Award**” to more than 30 universities in the world. Among those, also the historic **University of the Studies of Genova**, selected for its **long tradition and collaboration with the shipping world**.

The historic closeness of d’Amico Group to academic maritime institutions seeks to build the shipping future, together with young people with an excellent education and international institutions.

Over the time the collaboration with the **Royal Institution of Naval Architects**, the British professional association of naval engineers founded in London in 1860 and with the **Department of Naval Engineering of Genova** (DITEN) has been consolidated to the end of promoting and facilitating the exchange of technical and scientific information on planning and shipbuilding.

*“The shipping is fascinating but also challenging and ever-changing. According to this, it is crucial to enhance the skills and the potential of young people that are approaching to this sector”, said **Dr. Francesco Rotundo, HR Group Director of d’Amico Società di Navigazione**. “The award, that we conferred to a young graduated in Naval Engineering at Genova University and of which we are incredibly proud, is expression of the ongoing commitment of d’Amico Group to enable the development of the economy of the sea. Our support is given to course of studies and excellent professionals and is dedicated to young people, with the perspective of concrete job opportunities”.*

The shipping in the near future will face an important revolution, due to the implementation of the IMO 2020 legislation, that aims at reducing the sulphur content in ship fuels. d’Amico Group, in the last years, has anticipated the fixed international standard, by investing on an important fleet renewal, with the inclusion of last generation eco-ships.

Moreover, the Group responds to the most updated monitoring requirements, communication and verification of CO2 emissions, in line with EU regulation.