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**Adams named DBTG executive director**

Ian Adams, managing director of training provider IMA Marine and former secretary-general of the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA), has been named executive director of the International Dry Bulk Terminals Group (DBTG). He succeeds Richard Peckham, who recently passed away.

Adams will represent the International Bulk Terminals Association (IBTA) at the IMO and other relevant meetings, and keep members informed of developments affecting their business. He will continue to provide training courses and expert witness services through IMA Marine.

Speaking to Fairplay, Adams explained that IMA Marine would provide secretariat services to both DBTG and IBTA under a three-year contract.

An expert negotiator at the IMO level (see Fairplay 3 January 2013), Adams said key issues this year for DBTG would be amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code, specifically the "sampling of stockpiles", and "the provision of shore reception facilities for cargo hold wash water".

As secretary-general of IBIA, Adams helped win flexibility and certainty for the industry on key environmental regulatory matters as a member of the IMO's Bulk Liquids and Gases sub-committee. In 2008 he helped negotiate methods of exhaust gas compliance that offered an alternative to switching fuel and led to a revision of MARPOL Annex VI (2010). In 2008 he also helped clarify sulphur emission limits in control areas by negotiating a test precision procedure that set a precedent adopted by the European Union in January 2013 in place of methodology from the International Organization for Standardization.