

## For Immediate Release

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### **BMS United's Warm Welcome to Posidonia Exhibition**

BMS United held a two-day event in view of the 2018 Posidonia exhibition on the 30th and 31st of May.

Partnered with the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA), BMS United offered "A Glance into the Future of Shipping", a discussion series regarding the latest advances in the Shipping Industry. Set in the Benaki Museum of Greek Culture in Athens, on Wednesday 30th May, the conference offered delegates a unique opportunity to hear about key issues affecting the industry and participate in a lively debate.

BMS, as one of the world's leading maritime solution providers, and IBIA, the voice of the global bunker industry, arranged a dynamic agenda of diverse topics, which covered a broad spectrum of points at issue, but with a specific emphasis on future challenges for the Shipping Industry:

- The IMO's 2020 Global Sulphur Cap
- Digitalisation and Future Ship Design
- Future Prospects: Risk management and Shipping Economics

Delegates included IMO's Edmund Hughes, who provided a thorough update on the implementation of the 0,50% sulphur cap, as well as clarified IMO's intention on keeping the deadline; Shell's Laurant Wetemans who highlighted how the use of LNG is influenced by the new regulations; as well as John N. Kotzias, president of the Hellenic Shipbrokers Association who provided a comprehensive overview of the Greek Shipping market and its perspectives.

*'BMS United, as a global leader in the marine fuel procurement industry, is actively shaping the future of shipping. Being a truly innovative company not only are we prepared for the new challenging era before us, but also we disseminate the vast knowledge gathered after decades of experience and hard work, through events such as our conference,'* commented Antonis Xiros, Group Director, BMS United.

Following the full day conference, BMS organised a party at the Akanthus summer club. More than 1000 guests honoured us with their presence to celebrate another successful year for BMS United on the occasion of Posidonia. Enticing cocktails and appetizers and great live music at the seaside contributed to an event to be remembered.

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