



43rd International Marine Simulator Forum Annual General Meeting, Ilawa, Poland



International Marine Simulator Forum together with Ship Handling Research and Training Centre

have the pleasure to announce the 43th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and
Workshop Seminar 2016 to be held in

**Ilawa, Poland
13-16 June 2016**

Third Announcement/Call for Presentations

The 2016 AGM Workshop Seminar will commence in about three weeks and cover three days incorporating the Annual General Meeting, Member Activities Reports and Presentations, Simulator Demonstrations, Technical Tour and selected Workshop Papers. There will also be the IMSF Conference Dinner.

There is no cost for IMSF members who have fulfilled their 2016 contribution dues. Others are requested to settle the dues then and there. For non-IMSF member organisations a fee of 200 Euro will be charged which also entitles to one year IMSF membership. All participants shall cover their own travel, accommodation and incidental expenses.

We kindly request you to register asap before 30th May 2016 to facilitate planning of accommodation, catering and facilities. This is possible by email by means of the registration form. Also if you are intending to present a member report or a technical paper, please submit an abstract or outline that relates to the specific topics listed below or to other topics of interest before 30th May 2016.

The detailed presentation schedule will be made available just before or during the AGM Workshop Seminar

Exact flight details, if requiring transport from Gdansk airport, should be sent asap even if bookings are not yet confirmed. Further Information about the travel and accommodation is also given in this announcement.

We hope to welcome you at IMSF AGM Workshop Seminar 2016 in June in Ilawa.

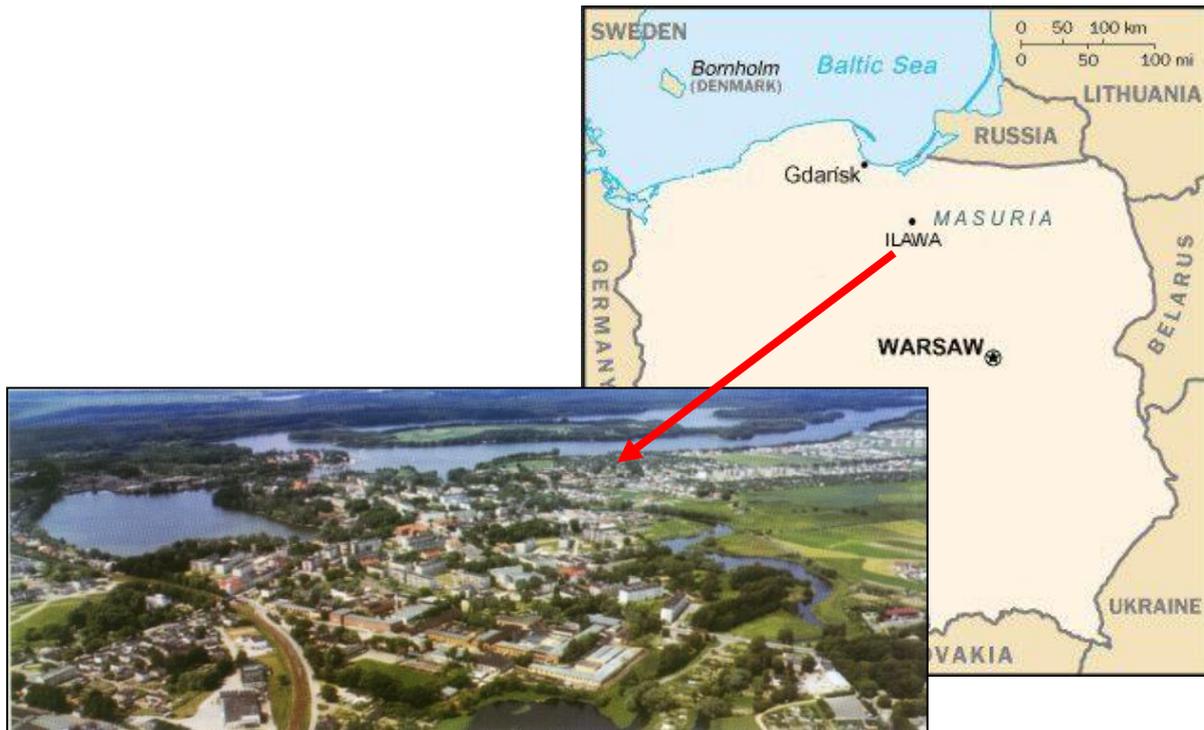
Stephen Cross
IMSF Chairman

SHRTC
Local Organizing Committee

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- ***The Ship Handling Centre's location***

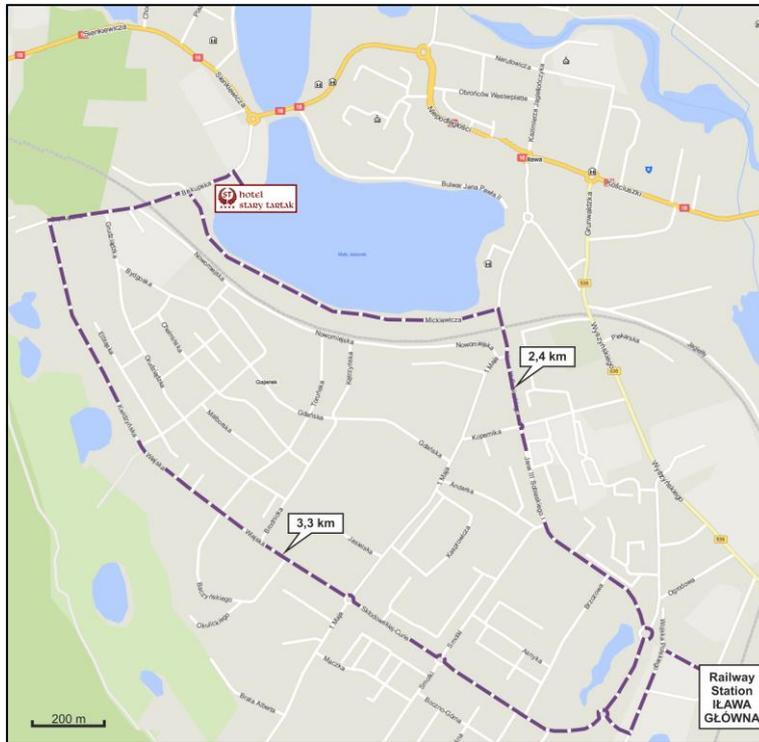
The town of Ilawa is situated some 130 kms SE of Gdańsk and 230 kms NW of Warsaw in the Masuria region (see attached map)..



Map of Poland. Ilawa and Airports of Gdansk and Warsaw have been marked.

Masuria is known in Poland as *Kraina Tysiąca Jezior* ("the land of a thousand lakes"). These lakes were carved into the land by glaciers during the Pleistocene ice age around 14,000 - 15,000 years ago, when ice covered northeastern Europe. By 10,000 BC this ice started to melt. Great geological changes took place and the continuous stretch of lakes that formed is now popular among tourists. The terrain is rather hilly, with connecting lakes, rivers and streams. Forests account for about 30% of the area. The northern part of the Masuria region is covered mostly by broad-leaved forests, while the southern part is dominated by pine and mixed forests.

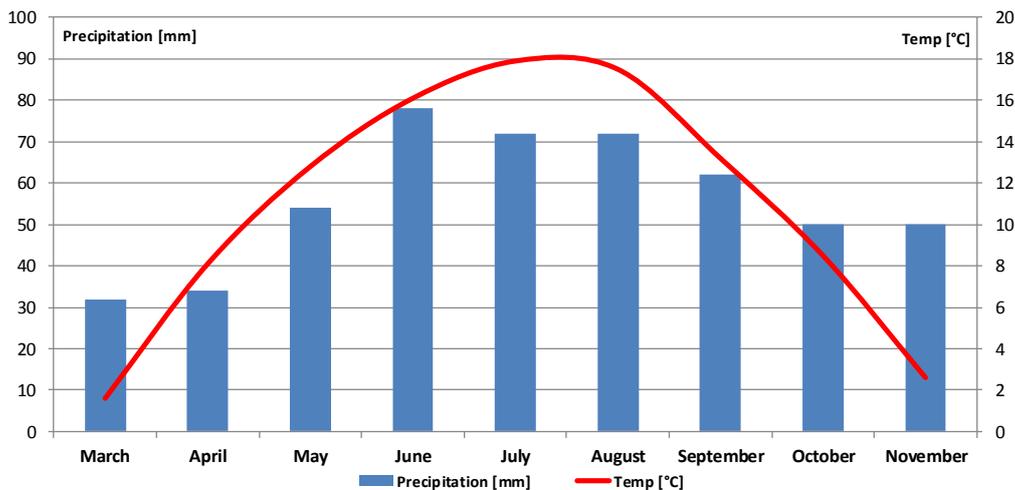
Ilawa is located in the western part of the Masuria region. It was built on the Ilawka River between Jeziorak and Ilawskie lakes. The town was founded in 1305 by the Teutonic Order. Due to destruction during World War II, the city has no preserved monuments except for the medieval church which is clearly visible from the hotel "Stary Tartak".(based on Wikipedia)



The city map of Iława with location of "Stary Tartak" Hotel and the railway station

- **Climate in Iława**

Masuria has a continental climate, characterized by high temperatures in the summer and low temperatures in the spring and fall. In April, October and November the temperature in Iława can be close to zero degrees Celcius (32 degrees Fahrenheit), particularly during night. Annual distribution of temperature and precipitation in Iława is presented below.

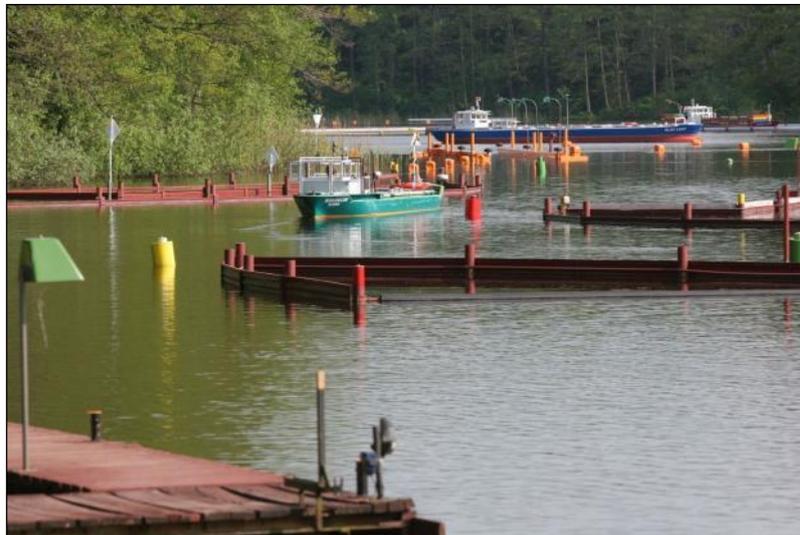


Please note that visit to Ship Handling Centre (planned for Tuesday afternoon) includes exercises performed on models of ships which operate on a natural open lake. The models provide protection against rain and special waterproof jackets are available for the participants, but it is still necessary to wear clothes suitable for the season.

2. ABOUT THE IŁAWA SHIP HANDLING RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE

- ***training in ship handling***

Since 1980 more than 4500 ship masters and pilots from 50 countries have been trained at the Iława Ship Handling Centre, which is owned by the Foundation for Safety of Navigation and Environment Protection. The Foundation, being a non-profit organisation, reinvests all spare funds in new facilities and adds new models, equipment and new training areas to the existing ones. The current training models and constructions are also updated every year, making the centre a modern facility perfectly capable of providing sophisticated training in ship handling for shipmasters, pilots and tug masters.



The training area representing a river.



Out-of-window view and control desk located in the wheelhouse.



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- **research in ship manoeuvrability**

Every year a few research programmes are performed. Research mainly concerns problems of safety of navigation: determining the characteristics of manoeuvrability,, analysis of the causes of collisions at sea and other waterways, checking the configuration of new harbour basins and different other terminals.

The full description and pictures of **THE IŁAWA SHIP HANDLING RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE** is given in the attachment to this announcement.

3. HOW TO GET TO IŁAWA?

- **by plane**

The nearest airport is located in Gdansk (GDN - Lech Walesa Airport). This Airport has good connections with practically all European countries.

There are direct flights from Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki, Warsaw, Munich and Frankfurt (3-4 flights a day by SAS, Finnair, Lufthansa, LOT).

From the smaller airports Ryan Air and Wizzair are connecting Gdansk with practically all European countries such as from Netherlands directly to Gdansk from Eindhoven and Groningen, from Belgium from Charleroi.

To facilitate travel for the conference, from Gdansk Airport to Iława, our private buses will be available on Monday afternoon and evening for IMSF participants. Our buses will be waiting in the parking outside the terminal and are blue with the company logo and name on both sides

Exact departure time of these buses will be given later depending on arrival time. Therefore early information about the choice of this option and on the flight details of participants is much appreciated!_Price of bus fare is 5 EUR pp. one way and is to be paid at the conference help desk.

- **by car**

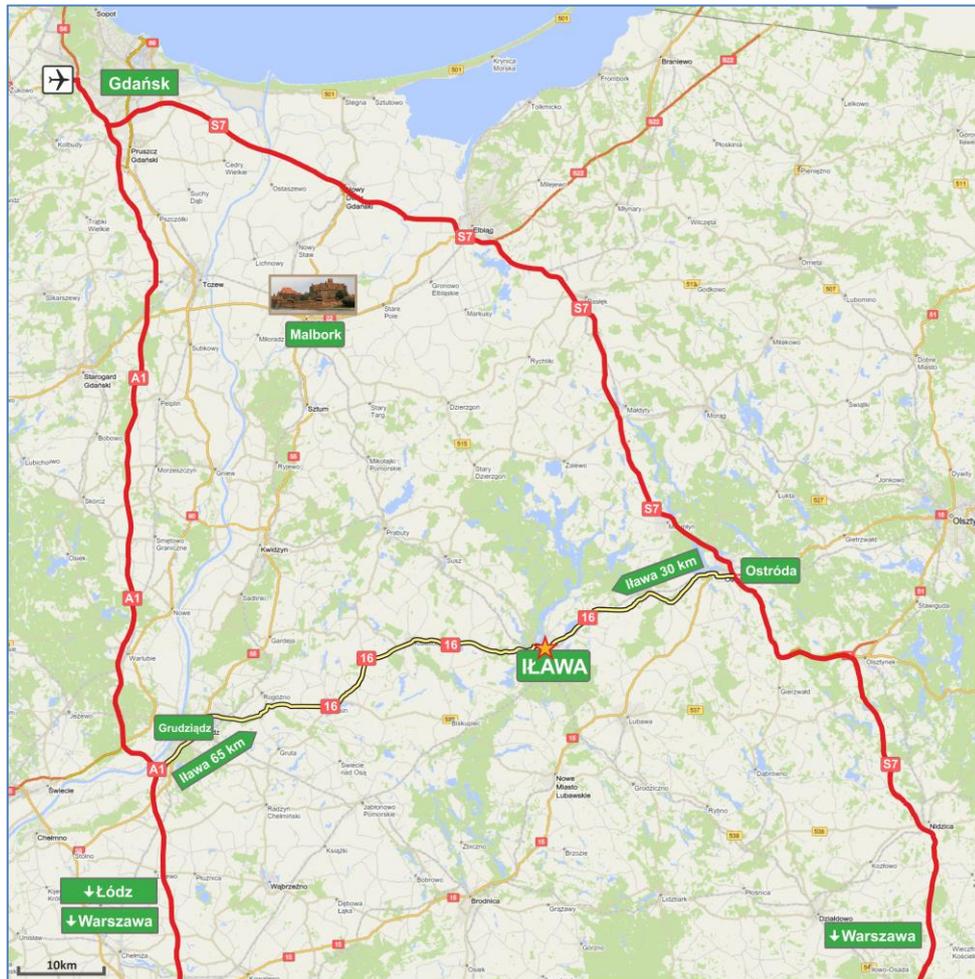
Iława is located approximately 60 km from the highway A1 connecting Gdansk and Lodz (exit Grudziadz) and about 30 km from the expressway S7 connecting Gdansk and Warsaw (exit Ostróda). After the exit of these roads you should continue driving on road no 16 (see map below) . The A1 highway is a toll road when you can pay by cash or credit card.

- **by train**

If you want to travel to Iława on your own, the fastest way is to travel by rail. Fast trains (Intercity Premium) every hour connect Gdansk or Warsaw with Iława. The trip takes only one hour from Gdansk and two hours from Warsaw.

From Gdansk airport to Iława, there is a local train every 15 minutes to the connecting railway station GDANSK WRZESZCZ, where you can take the "INTERCITY PREMIUM" train towards Warsaw. The distance from Gdansk to Iława is 125 km and the trip takes about one hour. Purchase a ticket at the railway station, buying on the train is much more expensive!. The regular price of a single ticket is 72 PLN (about 16-17 EUR).

In Iława it is best to take a taxi. The distance from the train station to the hotel is about 3 km. A taxi ride should cost about 20 PLN (about 5 EUR).



The road map showing access to Iława

4. Hotel booking

The AGM 2016 venue and main hotel is at the "Stary Tartak" Hotel and Conference Centre located in Iława, Biskupska street, 5 in the town centre adjacent to the Jeziorak Lake.

The hotel details are:

Hotel "Stary Tartak"****

Biskupska street 5, 14-200 Iława

Tel.: +48 723 13 13 13

e-mail: repcja@starytartak.com.pl

website: www.starytartak.com.pl



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For reservations please contact the hotel office directly by e-mail or phone.

The reduced hotel room rates are:

- single room (including breakfast) 193 PLN (about 45 EUR);
- double room (including breakfast) 273 PLN (about 65 EUR).

Please mention the code for the meeting “ **AGM 2016**” when booking the hotel!

These reduced rates are only available until the end of May booking.

Accepted credit cards are Visa, Euro/MasterCard, American Express, Diners and JCB.



"Stary Tartak" hotel and conference centre in Ilawa

5. CONTACT DETAILS:

For further information please contact:

Ship Handling Research and Training Centre

Head Office, Gdansk

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or

Ship Handling Centre, Ilawa

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6. Draft programme

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| Mon 13 June | |
| 1400 ?? | Shuttle from Gdansk Airport |
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| 1900 - 2000 | Registration |
| 1900 - 2100 | Welcome reception by SHRTC |
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| Tue 14 June | |
| 0800 – 0830 | Registration |
| 0830 – 1000 | AGM Opening |
| Break | |
| 1030 – 1230 | Workshop presentations |
| Lunch | |
| 1400 - 1530 | Workshop presentations |
| Break | |
| 1600 – 1900 | Workshop Simulator Centre |
| 2000 - 2200 | Grill party by SHRTC |
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| Wed 15 June | |
| 0800 – 1000 | Transport to Gdansk |
| 1000 - 1100 | Gdansk Old Town |
| 1100 – 1200 | Harbour tour by boat |
| Break | |
| 1230 - 1400 | Workshop Gdansk Port |
| Lunch | Lunch by Port Authority |
| 1600 – 1800 | Transportation to Ilawa |
| Break | |
| 1930- 2130 | Conference Dinner by SHRTC |
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| Thur 16 June | |
| 0830- 1000 | Workshop presentations |
| Break | |
| 1030 - 1200 | Workshop presentations |
| 1200 ?? | Shuttle departure to Gdansk |
| Lunch | |
| 1330 - 1500 | Workshop presentations |
| Break | |
| 1530 - 1600 | AGM Closing |
| 1600 ?? | Shuttle departure to Gdansk |
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| Fri 17 June | |
| AM ?? | Shuttle departure to Gdansk |

Accompanying persons are invited to attend all activities and workshops.
Depending on numbers and interest an additional programme may be arranged.



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Suggested presentation topics

1. News topics from company or organisation **of IMSF members**
2. Trends in computer simulation technology
3. Simulation for marine engineering, cargo handling, offshore operations
4. Simulation in research
5. Port and waterway design and development
6. Hydrodynamic modeling
7. Relevant other simulation applications in the maritime domain.

The detailed schedule for selected workshop presentations will be announced in advance.

All selected participants will have one presentation session of 20 minutes and 10 minutes for Q&A. It is requested to not repeat presentations from previous years even though some participants might be from a different target group.

Presentation topics can be forwarded to the IMSF Secretary, Lars.Markusson@dnvgl.com, in copy to the IMSF chairman, sjcross@hetnet.nl and the local SHRTC organizer Prof. Nowicki, Director@ilawashiphandling.com.pl.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Title: Prof./ Dr./ Capt./ Mr./ Mrs.

Name:.....

Organization:.....

Address:..... City.....

Zip Code:..... Country:.....

Tel./Fax:.....

E-mail:

Accompanying person(s):

Name:

Name:

Request of invitation letter for visa purposes: Yes No

Request to join shuttle bus from Gdansk Yes No

Request to submit a paper or presentation: Yes No

Title of the paper or presentation

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Please respond by e-mail or fax

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