



PRESS RELEASE

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'Full Steam Ahead!'

ITOPF today announced that Dr Karen Purnell has succeeded Dr Tosh Moller as Managing Director of ITOPF following his retirement on May 5th, 2009.

ITOPF's Chairman, Bjorn Moller, Chief Executive Officer of Teekay Corporation, paid tribute to Dr Moller: "During his long and accomplished career at ITOPF, Dr Moller has made a major contribution to building, maintaining and promoting the Federation's reputation for consistent and sound technical advice on ship-source pollution and related matters. We are grateful to him for his many years of dedicated service to the Federation and to the marine industry". Dr Moller, a marine biologist, joined ITOPF in 1979 and has attended over 90 spills around the world, including such landmark cases as the EXXON VALDEZ and PRESTIGE. Notably, he has also attended numerous pollution incidents in Asia involving damage to fisheries and mariculture resources. Following his appointment as Managing Director in 2003, Dr Moller spearheaded a concerted effort on the part of ITOPF to gain a better understanding of spill response issues in the North West Pacific region, in particular China and Korea.

Dr Moller's successor, Dr Karen Purnell, joined ITOPF in 1994 and was named Managing Director Designate by the ITOPF Board of Directors at their annual meeting in November 2008. Dr Purnell is a graduate of the Royal Society of Chemistry, with a PhD in chemical physics. Before joining ITOPF as a technical adviser in 1994, she worked on toxic waste management and environmental remediation in the nuclear industry and as a research chemist at several universities. Dr Purnell was promoted to Technical Team Manager in 2003, and has since acquired an in-depth knowledge of ITOPF's activities. Prominent amongst her achievements is the expansion of ITOPF's capability to respond to spills of HNS (Hazardous & Noxious Substances) and oversight of an internal programme of HNS emergency response planning, training and exercises. She has also been responsible for developing and strengthening relationships with Trustee groups in the USA and has been working closely with key US agencies and the International Group of P&I Clubs on environmental issues. Dr Purnell has established a constructive dialogue with shipowners and is highly respected in the maritime community.

Looking to the future, Dr Purnell stated that:- "ITOPF's highly experienced and committed staff are focused on understanding the needs of our ship-owning Members and Associates and ensuring that we continue to deliver the high quality, specialist advice that they and the larger maritime community have come to depend upon. Exciting and challenging times lie ahead and we are well equipped to face them."

Notes on ITOPF:

1. The International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Limited (ITOPF) was established as a non-profit making service organisation in 1968. In the early days its principal function was the administration of the TOVALOP voluntary oil spill compensation agreement. However, for the past forty years ITOPF has also provided a broad range of technical services in the field of marine pollution to and on behalf of shipowners, their P&I insurers and other groups such as the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds, as well as to the community at large.

2. ITOPF's Membership currently comprises some 5,900 owners and bareboat charterers of more than 10,000 tank vessels with a total gross tonnage of about 287 million GT. The organisation also benefits from the participation of some 466 million GT of non-tanker tonnage owned and operated by its Associates.

3. ITOPF's priority service is responding to accidental marine spills and the organisation's team of highly experienced technical staff are at constant readiness to travel anywhere in the world at a few hours' notice. Since 1978 ITOPF staff have attended on-site at some 600 incidents around the world, giving the organisation unparalleled practical experience of the realities of combating major marine spills. ITOPF also:

- assesses the damage caused by spills to the environment and economic resources;
- provides advice on the technical merits of claims for compensation;
- conducts contingency planning, advisory and training assignments;
- produces a wide range of technical publications; and
- maintains various databases as well as a website at <http://www.itopf.com>

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