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Αγγελική Χωματά – Μαργέτη  
Margetis Maritime Consulting

## Vasileios Lympferopoulos

Libero Group aims at high quality certification,  
inspection and training services

STCW. The review also incorporates training requires for the purpose of operating ships that use alternative fuels. The BMA is determined to remain in the forefront of implementing regulations for competences aligned with the development of alternative fuels and will approve training institutions accordingly.

**- In the new volatile geopolitical & economic environment, has your organisation embedded a culture of innovation and continuous adaptation?**

- Whilst the importance of shipping to the global economy was brought to the forefront during COVID-19, The BMA believes the implications of the pandemic and the geopolitics associated with the Russia/Ukraine conflict continue to have a major impact on the maritime sector.

The Authority considers that collaboration will be key to addressing these critical issues requiring leading industry stakeholders to work closely with partners who share their Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) values. The BMA will continue to take leadership at the regulatory level, advocating for a goal-based compliance approach to issues surrounding environmental sustainability and the human element within the maritime sector so that the industry can continue to adapt to circumstances as they change.

**- What is your organisation's vision and plans for strengthening your market share and the relationships with the Greek shipping sector?**

- The BMA established an office in Piraeus in 2014 in order to provide assistance on the ground to clients in Greece. However, in 2017 the office started to broaden its services so that it was able to offer full local engagement in providing registration, seafarers & manning and technical assistance to not simply local clients but others further afield within the region.

Today we are delighted to be able to provide full registration services for all ship types within the fleet, and now have almost 300 vessels of Greek interest on our books. We are particularly flexible when it comes to ship registration, including for yachts,

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**- Have you unofficially started lobbying for the next IMO Secretary General and who are you going to support?**

- The Secretary General is elected by members of the IMO Council only and not by all members. There are currently 40 members at the IMO Council and The Bahamas is one of them. As of today, there are five candidates who have submitted their candidature. In all similar elections, there are parallel discussions, considerations and proposals among the voting members. The Bahamas has not submitted a candidate for the role but we will support the selected candidate as he or she steers the IMO and industry on its next voyage.



Calypso, built 2021 Japan, 60121 grt, Samos Steamship Co.

## Dominica nominates candidate for the post of Secretary General of The International Maritime Organisation

The Government of Dominica has nominated Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, President of the World Maritime University as a candidate for the position of Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). Dr. Doumbia, born in the village of Mahaut, comes with vast knowledge, expertise and experience in senior management roles of international organisations, including the International Maritime Organisation, the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation.

The International Maritime Organisation, with headquarters in London, is the United Nations



Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia Henry has been nominated by the Government of Dominica for the position of Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)



Mr. Christos Vardikos, Consul of the Commonwealth of Dominica in Greece

specialized agency with responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine and atmospheric pollution by ships.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy, the Honourable Dr. Vince Henderson said the Government of Dominica is confident that Dr. Doumbia-Henry is fully qualified and experienced to serve as Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation.

The election will take place in July 2023 during the 129th session of the IMO Council.

If successful, Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry will join the cadre of Dominicans at the helm of a number of regional and international institutions.



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