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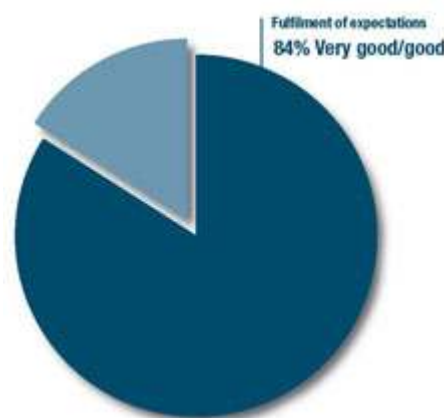
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Maritime Security & Defence 2008 – a great success for organiser and participants

Top marks for the first International Maritime Security & Defence Conference (MS&D 2008)! It was held concurrently with the world's leading shipbuilding fair SMM in Hamburg, with participation of some 200 delegates from 20 nations, and numerous high-ranking representatives of navies from various parts of the world. This two-day conference was arranged by Hamburg Messe & Congress GmbH and the Bonn-based publishing house Mönch Verlag, represented by Naval Forces. It addressed the most pressing problems of shipping – piracy and terrorist threats. There were outstanding international speakers, specifically targeting the political, maritime strategy and industrial aspects. The conference not only identified and analysed problems, but also offered concrete solutions – a unique combination, which makes MS&D stand out from other security conferences.



About 200 participants listened to the high-calibre speakers, exchanged ideas, and enjoyed an attractive supporting programme.



Very positive visitor ratings for MS&D 2008

am looking forward to next year's Conference.”

And visitors were convinced not only by the speakers and the speeches. There was also a good reception for the extensive supporting programme with Get-Together, Gala Dinner and a guided tour of the frigate *Niedersachsen*. The importance of the conference was also underlined by the presence of the frigates *Cornwall* and *Evertsen* which were moored nearby in the Port of Hamburg.

The visitors also felt that this start to the high-powered MS&D Conference was a success. Responses to a survey showed that MS&D was rated by 84% as "excellent" or "good". Frigate Captain Mike Walter M.Sc., Deputy Chief Attaché, Naval Attaché and Ordnance Attaché, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands: "...the MS&D-Conference is a good platform to promote the sense of urgency concerning "maritime security" and share ideas. The level of speakers at the MS&D underlines the importance of this subject. I

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MS&D 2009 – a unique forum for maritime security and defence



High ranking representatives of the German and Netherlands Navy visiting MS&D 2008

Experts from navies, coastguards, industry and government are very keen on MS&D and its establishment as an international platform for maritime security and defence in Germany. 93% of the 2008 participants are already planning to attend MS&D 2009.

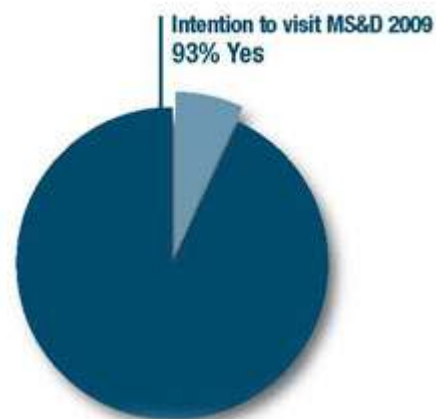
Key issues at the future exhibition, presenting products and technologies for effective defence against armed attacks, will be electronic surveillance systems, communication and information systems, software systems, ship security equipment, weapons and weapon systems, research & development, and security consulting. The international conference will include leading speakers, who will analyse the threat situations, put forward solution proposals, and present current developments. International delegations at the trade fair of MS&D 2009 will have a chance to collect information, exchange ideas, and view the most advanced weapon systems in practice on naval vessels in the Port of Hamburg.



Advanced weapon systems will be on show on frigates in the Port of Hamburg.

 [Information brochure on MS&D 2009](#) (PDF)

Demand is strong – that was evident at the specialist conference on Maritime Security & Defence 2008. That is why MS&D will be held every second year from 2009 onwards, alternating with SMM, as a three-day international conference with accompanying exhibition in Hamburg. The exhibition will be held from 6 to 8 October 2009, featuring companies specialised in Maritime Security & Defence.



Interest is running high: 93% of MS&D 2008 visitors also intend to visit MS&D 2009.

Interest is running high, so don't miss the event in Hamburg in 2009! Hamburg is the maritime centre in the North, with numerous shipyards, marine equipment suppliers, shipbuilding research institutions, the world's largest budget for ship financing, and one of the world's biggest container terminals. Hamburg is known as the Gateway to the World, and maintains trading relations with many countries. More than 100 international shipping companies have their head offices in Hamburg.

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