



► **CENTRE STAGE:** Peter Mellett of BankServe Insurance Services.



► **ON THE PODIUM:** Christopher Brown of the UK Club.



► **VOCAL POINT:** Ole Wikborg of the Norwegian Hull Club and president of the International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI).



► **SPEAKING UP:** Manos Lorenzos of Groupe Eyssautier who is chairman of the Hellenic Committee of Lloyd's Brokers Associates.



► **DEBATE:** Zoe Lappa-Papamatheou of Danaos Shipping.

Marine risk in focus at busy Athens forum

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The big issues of the marine-insurance business came under scrutiny when shipowners, underwriters and brokers got together for the first Hellenic Marine Risk Forum in the grand Athens premises of the Eugenides Foundation.

More than 200 participants discussed issues ranging from the advantages and disadvantages of switching insurer to seek more competitive premiums and

whether mega-claims are draining underwriters' reserves, to the comparative loss record of new and old ships.

There was also the timely issue, with the annual renewal of protection-and-indemnity (P&I) cover nearing, of whether the practice of imposing general increases was still justified.

The premises of the Eugenides Foundation were a very appropriate venue for the event, organised by the Hellenic Committee of Lloyd's Brokers Associates in con-

junction with TradeWinds's conference arm.

Foundation benefactor Eugenides was a Greek shipowner and entrepreneur who as a young man worked for a UK shipping company but later focussed on lumber trading in co-operation with Brostrom and Swedish Orient Line before buying his first ship and founding Home Line in Genoa. He also found time to establish a shipyard and set up the Scandinavian Near East liner-agency business.



► **QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** Nicolas Apostolopoulos.

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► **DAPPER DUO:** Vittorio De Gaspari (left) of PL Ferrari with Marcos Vassilikos of Eurobulk.



► **ON HAND:** George Caramanos of National Insurance.



► **ENGAGED:** George Sp Alexandratos of Apollonia Lines.



► **TWO'S COMPANY:** Nicolas Apostolopoulos (left) of Eurorisk and Nikos Tsaviris of Tsaviris Salvage.



► **IN ATTENDANCE:** Maria Kouliga-Pavlou of Trinity Marine.



► **RESPONDING:** Tony Allen of the North of England Club.



► **IN FOCUS:** Lika Chakos of Cardiff Marine with Ian Clarke of the West of England Club.



► **WINNING SMILES:** Olivia Paranos (left) of Trinity Marine with Christine Andoniaov of JLU Maritime.



► **ANIMATED EXCHANGE:** Clas Ryden (left) of Skuld with Dimitrios Kardiakopoulos of Evdemon & Partners.