



Vladimir Maksimov

Comité International Radio-Maritime were very saddened to hear the news that our colleague Vlad had passed. A great friend to many of us, we always appreciated his cheerful disposition, reliable smile and not least, his extensive knowledge. Vlad always offered true expertise at meetings and his technical experience and background constantly came to the fore. His straightforward and practical approach was much appreciated and he never seemed to be out of spirits. In fact, he always had energy and a certain kind of ‘zest’ which transmitted itself to others when in his presence.

Having joined CIRM in 2004, Vlad was one of the very first people I met. He took me under his wing, and to keep me happy at long IMO meetings, would (without fail) bring me a Russian sweet to keep me going. Sometimes I would get two as a ‘bonus’ and this tradition of handing over the ‘chokkie’ was always executed before even saying hello. We had a lot of jokes and some very happy conversations, many of which were about his sailing holidays, which he obviously loved.

The CIRM Board of Directors and entire membership would like to pass on sincere condolences to Vlad’s family, particularly to his wife and daughter and here below are some colleague’s tributes, which are all very fitting to his character and personality,

“I have known Vlad for many years (20+), almost since he joined Inmarsat, he was a lovely gentleman and will be sadly missed.”

“I’m very sorry to hear of Vlad’s passing, I’ve known him well for over 20 years.”

“I am most sad to hear of Vladimir’s leaving us. He was extremely competent and knowledgeable, as well as being simply a nice person to deal with.”

“I’ll not be able to get to Inmarsat HQ in time.....sorry to have missed this service as I’d known Vlad for 25+ years since he first started at Inmarsat.....”

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