

INVITATION TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020

AND SEMINAR FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL DINNER

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY, 2020 AT 17.00

Norges Rederiforbund, Oslo

AGENDA

17.00–18.00 General Assembly

18.00–19.00 **RUSSIA – FUTURE FRIEND
OR PERMANENT FOE?**

Halvor Tjønn, freelance journalist and
lecturer, formerly with Aftenposten



18.00–19.00 **Our experience with dealing with Russia
over a number of years: Over the top?**

Henrik Falck, Project Manager, Tschudi Shipping Company AS

PANEL DEBATE + Q&A incl. Bern Blikstad, DNB Bank, and
Andrius Sutnikas, Klaipėda Science and Technology Park



19.30 Drinks in the Hall

20.00 Annual Dinner



GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOCUMENTS (to be distributed later)

Agenda for the General Assembly

General Assembly Documents to be distributed in the meeting:

1. The Board's Annual Report 2019
2. Annual Accounts 2019 (see Annual Report)
3. Budget for 2020
4. The Election Committee's nominations and the Board's nomination for Election Committee
5. Statutes for Shipping & Offshore Network (in Norwegian)

AGENDA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020

1. The Board's Annual Report 2019
Including a presentation of the Go LNG project 2016–2019 and further plans by Andrius Sutnikas, project leader, Klaipėda Science & Technology Park, Lithuania
2. The Profit & Loss Accounts 2019 with the auditor's statement
3. Budget 2020
4. Determination of the Membership Fee for 2020
5. Election of Board, Chairman, Auditor and Election Committee
6. Shipping & Offshore Network in 2020 – a brief presentation



Our Annual Meetings can be fun, here from 2019, photo by Mantas Grigaliunas

THE RUSSIAN AGENDA

While everybody is watching China and the US, what are the Russians up to?



I cannot forecast to you the action of Russia. It is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma; but perhaps there is a key. That key is Russian national interest.

Winston Churchill on BBC, 1 October 1939

On Tuesday February 11 February Halvor Tjønn will join us and talk about The Russian Agenda. These days, most news media focus on Trump and on China. The closest big-power neighbour of Europe and in particular Norway is, however, Russia. The way Russia develops – with its huge resources and enormous capital of well-educated people – will have decisive impact on our continent. In the short term this is about president Vladimir Putin's plans for 2024 and beyond. In the somewhat longer term it is about the whole geopolitical orientation of Russia. Will Russia continue its current course, become more and more averse to the Western world and ally itself with autocratic regimes in the Middle East and with China? Or is it feasible that Russia will change its course and again – as in the time of Gorbachev and Yeltsin – see itself as a member of the European family of nations?



Halvor Tjønn has written several books about Russian history. He has lived in Russia for about a decade – from the Gorbachev to the Putin era – working as correspondent for the main Norwegian daily newspaper, Aftenposten. As a foreign correspondent for Aftenposten and Stavanger Aftenblad since 1981 he covered the last stages of the Cold War, the development of East- and West-Germany, the dissolution of the Soviet bloc in Eastern Europe and several of the conflicts in Latin America. Between 2001 to 2011 he worked extensively with Islamic extremism and terrorism in Europe and the Middle East. Since 2014 he is a freelance journalist and lecturer.

Halvor Tjønn is from Skien, Telemark, and is educated as a Cand. Philol. of History at the University of Oslo. He currently lives in Bærum outside Oslo.