

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Vigo, 29-07-2020.- Despite organization efforts and the great support shown at all times by the industry and by our exhibitors, we regret to make the difficult decision to cancel NAVALIA 2020. This year it will not be possible to celebrate our event. The general uncertainty caused by continuous outbreaks of the virus at a global level and the difficulty looming around worldwide mobility (border closings and traveling restrictions, localized confinements and flights cancellations) lead us to take this sad action despite having tried until last minute. We understand the fair as such could be held, with all the security measures we have adopted, but it seems complicated to guarantee visitors attendance or avoid suffering any territorial closure, as they are currently being considered due to COVID-19 outbreaks.

We would like to inform you, to make this decision, most Navalia Executive Committee members have again been consulted, all of them highly knowledgeable within the shipbuilding industry and their return has been unanimous considering the new situation progress in recent weeks.

This cancelation means, for our organization, a setback difficult to predict in an ordinary situation and bring us to rethink many aspects of our event with an eye on improving and adapting to new times. As you know, the International Shipbuilding Exhibition, Navalia, was born with a strong commitment to the industry, and since its first edition has not stopped growing, being a biennial event that takes place in even years.

Consequently, and with the intention of continuing to work for a sector we love, our event will reopen in MAY 2021 and will have an ANNUAL frequency. An important leap that comes to fulfil many exhibitors old desire who had claimed to celebrate Navalia every year. Thus, Navalia International Congress will be organized in 2021 (odd years) with an important exhibiting area, which will host technical conferences and international meetings through trade missions. The trade fair, as such, will reopen at IFEVI facilities in MAY 2022.

We understand some exhibitors may find disadvantages with this cancellation and therefore we beg for your understanding and patience to solve any inconveniences may occur while adapting to the new situation. In the coming days, our staff will contact each exhibitor to assist you in the most convenient way.

We thank you again for your support and we wish to see everyone at NAVALIA 2021.



Javier Arnau, CEO Navalia