



**PER WESTLING:**  
Managing director  
of Stena RoRo  
Photo: Mercy Ships



**LUDVIG MANDIUS:**  
Chartering manager  
at Trafigura  
Photo: Geoff Garfield



**INVITED:** (From left) Mediterranean Shipping Co's Matthew McKinnon, Paola Maresca and Diego Aponte, with Pierre Christ of Mercy Ships and Alessandro Ravalli, chartering & operation manager at Sahara Energy  
Photo: Geoff Garfield



**HU XIANG:** President of Tianjin Xingang Shipyard  
Photo: Mercy Ships



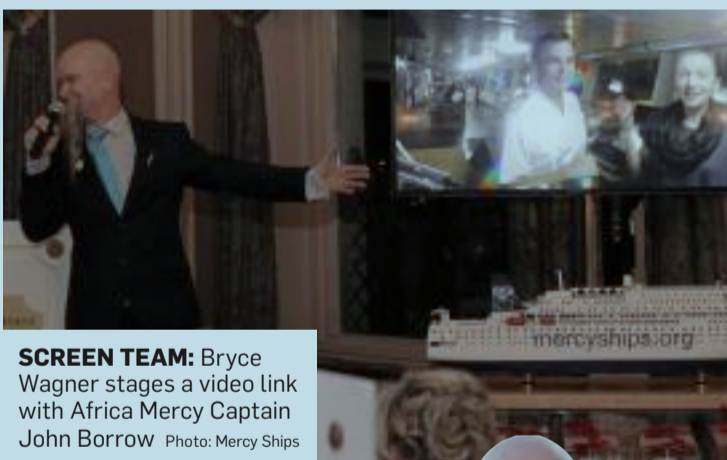
**SPECIAL GUEST:** Swiss parliamentarian Guillaume Barazzone  
Photo: Mercy Ships



**BROTHERS IN ARMS:** Kris Ellefsen (left) of Fearnleys and Mike Anthony of Braemar ACM  
Photo: Geoff Garfield

# Mercy Ships says 'merci'

**Geoff Garfield**  
Geneva



**SCREEN TEAM:** Bryce Wagner stages a video link with Africa Mercy Captain John Borrow  
Photo: Mercy Ships

Supporters of Mercy Ships' Cargo Day turned out in force for a "thank you" Geneva lakeside gala ball.

More than 270 guests toasted the raising of \$673,000 at the 2017 event and a total of \$1m in the two years since Cargo Day was launched.

Special guests at the Hotel Beau-Rivage included Diego Aponte, president and chief executive of Geneva-based Mediterranean Shipping Co, and Guillaume Barazzone, a member of the lower house of the Swiss parliament.

Also at the event was Hu Xiang, president of Tianjin Xingang Shipyard, which is constructing a new purpose-built hospital vessel for Mercy Ships. Per Westling, managing director of Stena RoRo, which has been involved in the concept design and newbuilding supervision, outlined progress on the new ship, Global Mercy.

Brokers and traders, including members of the organising committee, who visited the existing ship, Africa Mercy, in Cameroon last month recounted their experience onboard during the ball. Cargo Day supporter awards were made to Trafigura (Best Charterer), BRS (Best Broker) and Louis Dreyfus (Highest Donation). TradeWinds received a special award as Cargo Day partner.

Committee chairman Tim Webb described Cargo Day as a "unique event where the shipping and trading community work together for a common goal". A third event is planned for October.



**SPECIAL THANKS:** TradeWinds correspondent Geoff Garfield (left) and Editor-in-Chief Julian Bray collect a special award on behalf of the publication, which is a partner of the Cargo Day  
Photo: Mercy Ships



**TIM WEBB:** Head of tankers at BRS and chairman of the Cargo Day Committee  
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**RENE LEHMANN:** Mercy Ships' director  
Photo: Mercy Ships



**WINNER:** Senior charterer George Katout (above) collects the Trafigura award; while Scott Moncrieff (right), Sahara Energy's head of chartering and freight derivatives, looks resplendent in kilt and sporran  
Photos: Geoff Garfield



**CELEBRATING:** (From left) Stena Bulk chief executive Erik Hanell and his vice president of commercial operations, Johan Jawert, with BRS tanker analyst Alessandro Gelli and wife Sema  
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