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Curriculum Vitae



Capt. Pacha was born in 1962 in Barcelona (Spain) and holds a Bachelor Degree in Nautical Sciences and Maritime Transport. He is Extra - Master Mariner and also holds a Masters Degree in Public Management.

He has served as deck officer and master on board merchant vessels and in 1987 he co-authored the 'Spanish Maritime SAR and Pollution Prevention Plan'. From 1988 he has been appointed to several technical and managerial positions within the central and peripheral offices of the Spanish Maritime Administration. In 1992 he coordinated the maritime safety and security of the Olympic Games that took place in Barcelona as Head of the MRCC of Barcelona (Spain). In 1993 he was appointed Harbour Master of Ceuta (Spain) and became Vice-President of the Port Authority of that city. In 1995 he was promoted to the post of Regional Director of the Ministry of Development in Ceuta (Spain), with overall competences in infrastructure, transport, telecommunications, coast and environment.

From 2000, he was the Counsellor for Transport at the Embassy of Spain in London and Permanent Representative of Spain to the International Maritime Organization (IMO). He also represented Spain at the Consultative Shipping Group and at the management unit of Equasis. He was Head of the Spanish delegations in eight Diplomatic Conferences and in many other international meetings.

He has also served as Chairman of the Supplementary IOPC Fund Assembly, Chairman of the IMO Flag State Implementation (FSI) Sub-committee and Chairman of the IMSO Advisory Committee. He was the President of the Maritime Attaches' Club in London from 2004 to 2006, which is a position of a more social nature.

Since April 2007, he has held the post of Director General of IMSO, having been appointed by the Eighteenth Session of the IMSO Assembly of Parties in September 2006.

He continues to serve as Governor of the World Maritime University (WMU), a post he has held since 2000, lectures in several postgraduate courses and participates in international conferences and congresses. Capt. Pacha is Fellow Member of the Nautical Institute (NI), Fellow Member of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST), and Member of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL), and has published articles in various professional publications.

In 2008 was awarded with the decoration of the Spanish Order of Isabelle the Catholic.