

A close-up portrait of Nils-Erik Eklund, a middle-aged man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera.

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**Nils-Erik
Eklund**

**Carus
Excellence
Award
2020**



Carus welcomes since 2012 its **Carus Excellence Awards** in Spain.

Ceremony takes place in the gardens of the Hotel Ritz Madrid in the month of June each year to coincide with the General Assembly of the **Spanish Shipowners' Association ANAVE**, of which Carus is an Associate Member and Sponsor.

The Spanish Shipowners' Association, **ANAVE**, will hold its annual **General Assembly on 30 of June 2020**, with a cocktail event and a gala lunch at the Hotel Wellington, Madrid. The event is **co-sponsored by Carus**, an ANAVE associate member, and will be attended by the Spanish shipowners as well as maritime and port authorities. There will also be a representation of European maritime delegates, and the **Spanish Ministry for Transport** will close the assembly.

The **Carus Excellence Award 2020** will be presented, and this year's recipient, nominated unanimously by the board of Carus Spain, is **Nils-Erik Eklund**.

Nils-Erik Eklund is Member of The Board of Directors of **Viking Line**

since 1997 and also a member of the Board of Directors of **Interferry** since 2008, the trade association that represents the worldwide industry. Nils-Erik was **president and CEO of Viking Line** from 1990 to 2010. During his entire career of four decades he has pioneered the work to reduce the environmental impacts of the transport of passengers and freight at sea.

During his tenure as CEO, **Viking Line** was one of the first shipping companies in the world to implement the **International Safety Management Code**. Also Viking Line was successful in winning the **Award of the European Foundation for Quality Management** related to large companies in Finland.





Image: The **Spanish Minister of Transport** during the delivery of the 2019 Award to Mike Corrigan, with the Carus Team, last year.

This award is intended solely to **highlight the Excellence and Dedication** to the maritime sector, and is awarded to the most **outstanding professionals** in this regard.

Previous editions of the Carus Excellence were awarded to the President of ECSA and Suardiaz Group, D. **Juan Riva**, and to the President of ANAVE and Balearia Group, D. **Adolfo Utor**. The Carus edition of the Excellence Award 2014 went to the Director General of Merchant Marine Spanish, D. **Rafael Rodríguez Valero**. And the latest Carus Excellence Award went to: D. **Vicente Boluda** -President of Boluda

Corporation and Carus Excellence AWARD 2015; Mr. **Emanuele Grimaldi** -CEO of Grimaldi Group and Carus Excellence Award 2016; Mr. **Luis Miguel Sousa** -CEO of Sousa Group and Carus Excellence Award 2017; D. **Antonio Armas** -President of Naviera Armas Group and Carus Excellence Award 2018; and Mr. **Mike Corrigan** -CEO of Interferry and Carus Excellence Award 2020.

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Upcoming **Events**

18th annual onboard **SHIPPAX** Ferry Conference **2020**

1-3 April 2020, onboard DFDS Pearl Seaways,
sailing between **Copenhagen-Oslo-Copenhagen**



Carus is a proud sponsor of the Shippax Conference.

The two-day onboard ferry conference was first organized in 2003 and grows ever more popular each year. Typically sold out two to three months ahead, it attracts between **450-500 delegates from 50-60 ferry companies** from all over the world each year.

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