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Thank you to the authors for their contributions and to Ursula O'Donnell our guest editor. We value feedback from all who read this bulletin and we are always interested in hearing your suggestions for content, as well as for next year's offshore forum in London which will take place in May.

Welcome to the ninth Offshore Special Edition of the Standard Bulletin. This year's bulletin is unique in that, with the exception of one article that has been co-authored, the articles have all been written by members of staff, demonstrating the depth of knowledge that we have at The Standard Club and our range of expertise in all sectors of the offshore business.

Innovation

The Standard Club has been providing P&I cover for offshore operators' third-party liabilities since 1975. During that time, the industry has made extraordinary advances as it searches for oil and gas in ever more challenging environments, and tackles the tricky issue of offshore construction and salvage. The Standard Club prides itself on the ability to offer members the range of tailored covers needed to operate their vessels in an ever evolving industry. As our members look to innovate, we will be doing the same.

On the subject of innovation, on 27 May 2014, the Standard Club hosted an Offshore Forum at the Fullerton Hotel in Singapore, which focussed on FLNG. The event was a success, attracting many companies from the offshore industry. Our second article by Nicholas Mavrias summarises the issues discussed at this forum.

An international view

Staying in Asia, Sharmini Murugason has written an update on legal developments in Malaysia. Constantino Salivaras, who recently relocated to the club's office in Rio de Janeiro, discusses the issue of Brazilian pollution fines, Sarah Wallace looks at legal developments in Norway concerning

knock-for-knock, and finishing our world tour, LeRoy Lambert and Leanne O'Loughlin consider a recent decision in the *Deepwater Horizon* litigation that has the potential to clarify under US law the differences between negligence, gross negligence and wilful misconduct.

Contracts

Rupert Banks has contributed an article looking at a shift in the heavylift sector which has put more pressure on members to assume greater responsibility under contract for project cargoes and suggests some solutions, and Fabien Lerede considers the new Insurance Bill which is expected to be introduced under English law and its potential implication to insurance contracts, particularly with respect to the proposed amendments to the Third Parties (Rights against Insurers) Act 2010.

Technical comment

Moving on to more technical matters, Julian Hines and Johan Lønberg consider the use of LNG as bunkers and potential issues for the offshore industry, and Claire Boddy looks at dynamic positioning and common incidents.