



Newsletter - April 2001

Committee Meetings

As usual, unless there are urgent matters for discussion our Branch Committee members meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 18:45 hours at the Alassia Hotel in Limassol.

During the last four months the Committee has dealt with various matters.

It has reviewed and followed up the ICS Head Office Executive Committee Meeting, the Controlling Council Meeting (CCM) and the AGM all held in London on 25th and 26th October 2000. As well it has discussed the Agenda of the Controlling Council Meeting (CCM) held in Dublin on 14th/15th March, 2001 which the Chairman has attended as a controlling council member.

Membership and Education and our course Understanding Shipping are the items which have been continually on our Agenda together with the April 2001 Examinations of our Institute, Branch Reporting to the Head Office, the change of the Rules and Regulations of the Branch as regards the Financial Year followed, Library matters, our Members' Dinner held on 26th January 2001 and others.

Membership

Our membership as at February 2001 was as follows:

FICS	26
MICS	23
Retired	3
Affiliates	2

During the CCM in Dublin our member Capt Demetris Demetriou has been unanimously approved for promotion to Fellowship. Moreover a new member has joined our ranks Ms. Nicoletta Anastassiou who was unanimously elected to membership. Ms Anastassiou is wholeheartedly welcomed.

One of our Members, Mr. B. R. A. Mantovani MICS has resigned from being a member of the Institute.

Branch Rules and Regulations

Following our Annual General Meeting (AGM) of 10.11.2000 the Head Office has accepted our request for the change of Financial Year from January to December and therefore our new Financial Year is from now June to May. It follows the same financial year as of the Head Office and therefore the work of our Treasurer has become much easier.

Education / DLC

Altogether 82 Students are following our new foundation course "Understanding Shipping" which has been introduced in close co-operation and with the support of the Cyprus Shipping Council, in October 2000.

The course is structured and designed for completion within 9 months. The participants study at home and submit their assignments to their Tutors for correction and guidance. After the conclusion of the 9th Lesson and the 9th test, the Students will have a short Interview with two Tutors on subjects studied in the manual and thereafter they will be required to answer a written question.



Candidates successful in both the written papers and the interview will be awarded a numbered certificate issued by TutorShip, the Correspondence College of the Institute, countersigned by the Chairman of our Branch.

A very few Students for maternity or other reasons are not following up their studies, but generally the course is very successful and we are currently between the 3rd and the 5th lesson.

Tutors

Apart from the current 7 Tutors fully approved by TutorShip

Andreou Andreas
Christodoulou George
Cowling Graham
Hadjiparaskevas John
Karantonis Soterios
Neophytou Andreas and
Taliotis Michael

another 3 Members,

Capt. Demetris Demetriou,
Costas Pallaris and
George Solomonides

have also expressed the wish and they are in the process to become Tutors.

As communicated earlier the duties of the Tutor although very demanding, are at the same time well rewarding in the sense of guiding each Student to succeed in his examinations and hopefully progressing to the more advanced courses of our Institute.

As well as serving a good cause and the objectives of the Institute, the qualification of “**Tutor**” for any of our Members is a worthy addition to one’s own qualifications.

We appeal for more tutors. Members interested to become approved Tutors may provide the Branch with their C.V. for submission to the

Institute in London. As part of the approval system, the applicant will receive sample essays from previously enrolled students for marking.

Spring 2001 Examinations – Cyprus Exams Centre

ICS examinations between the 19th April and the 27th April 2001, are organised by our Branch once more with the assistance of Foley’s Grammar School, who will also provide the necessary invigilators.

The venue will be the Alassia Hotel and 32 Students will be sitting for the examinations.

ICS Controlling Council Meeting (CCM)

The last CCM was held in Dublin between the 14th and the 15th March, 2001 and it was excellently organised by the Irish Branch.

Attendees

It was attended by the Chairman Mr. Philip Wood, the President Mr. James Freeland, the Vice Chairman Mr. Gordon McMillan, the Vice President Mr. Anthony Cooke, the immediate Past President, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of Education and Training Committee, and the Director Mrs Barbara Fletcher.

Also present were delegates from the London (Head Office) and the Branches of Cyprus, East Anglia, Europe, the Gulf and Pakistan, Humber, India, Ireland, Liverpool, the UK North East Zone, the Pacific Rim, Scotland, South Africa, South Asia, Southampton and South Wales and the West.

Agenda

The Agenda included various subjects, for reporting, discussion and action, concerning Finance, Professional Membership (applications for promotions, elections and re-elections, resignations, strike-offs, etc),



FONASBA, ECASBA, Profile Raising and Publicity, Education and Training, Branches and the Institute Development.

	2000/01	2001/02
	£	£
Fellows	120.00	125.00
Members	90.00	95.00
Retired etc.	18.00	19.00

Subscriptions / Finances

An item of concern is that a large number of members mainly in the London area, Australia India, Singapore and a smaller number from other Branches are not settling their subscriptions promptly with the subsequent problems that are following as regards the economics of the Institute. The problem mostly arises because of movement of members and the failure of the Head Office or the Branches to register such movements timely. To avoid this ongoing problem of members receiving recognition but not responding to their obligations, it was unanimously decided for members with due subscriptions of two years or more to be struck off with one month's notice; members with one year's subscription due, will be given the chance to settle, however in case of impossibility to collect such members will be considered as strike-offs.

With the establishment of the various Branches and a large percentage of the subscriptions being withheld by the Branches for their local purposes, the current year is forecast to show a deficit in the Finances of the Institute.

Our Institute is one of the very few which has not raised its subscriptions during the last four years. Aiming, however, towards a small surplus each year to afford future developments, inadvertently it was considered necessary for the level of subscriptions to be increased.

Branches, especially the South African and Indian Branches, considering the line of income of their members and the low GDP in their areas, opposed to any increase whatsoever.

After an exhaustive discussion the proposal for the increase of subscriptions was finally accepted and from the financial year commencing 1st June 2001 the new subscriptions will be as follows:

The 10% discount applied before for settlements earlier than the 30th June, will still be applicable.

Membership

The total membership of the Institute comprises 951 FICS and 1503 MICS as Active Members, 500 FICS and 336 MICS as Life and Retired Members and 40 Affiliates, i.e. altogether 3330 Members.

The current number of Company members is 136, with 346 Company Offices.

Education and Training

The Number of Candidates entered for the 2001 examinations has reached the total of 1.367 and currently there is a full complement of examiners and assessor for the 2001 diet of examinations.

The Syllabus and all the Courses of the Institute are under review and updating and it is anticipated that the new TutorShip courses will be introduced by the September of 2002; the first examinations on the new curriculum will be held in April 2003.

For this purpose following changes will be also made:

Shipping Practice will be renamed to **Shipping Business**

and will be compulsory in the first year of Qualifying Examinations Shipmanagement will be renamed to

Ship Operations and Management

International Through Transport will be renamed to

Multi-modal Transport & Logistics

Marine Insurance will be renamed to

Maritime Insurance



Branches

A questionnaire, which has been circulated by the Head Office to all Branches, has revealed interesting information.

UK membership shows a slight fall whereas membership in overseas Branches an increase from 1040 to 1391.

No UK Branches retain subscriptions but nor do they play any part in their collection. In relation to social events all UK Branches run their dinners at a profit but in the case of overseas branches the dinners are run on a break-even basis.

All Branches have been involved in some form or educational activity over the last three years with educational seminars.

They administer their own student registration and organise the local exams centres. Cyprus specifically has its own Distance Learning Centre, running courses for Understanding Shipping, meeting with Students and holding Tutorials prior to examinations.

Cyprus is one of three overseas branches distributing newsletters and is active in raising the profile of the Institute through education and training promotion

Strategic plan for the development of the Institute 2001 / 2006

The current plan objectives are to develop existing overseas and new branches especially in areas showing decline or where the potential exists in new countries, encourage Distance Learning Centre development and arrange for the review of the Syllabus.

Most of the objectives have been or are nearly achieved.

The Institute endeavours to ensure a secure financial base aiming to a break-even budget by 2003. The targets are the provision of financial infrastructure for the Branches, allowing

flexibility to develop the necessary range of services to their members; setting aside funds for investment and identification of new revenue raising opportunities.

The rapid growth of overseas Branches has created the need for a reassessment of the administration therefore the role of the Branches is to be reviewed so that a close relationship should exist between funding and the administrative tasks undertaken by the Branches, as well as their profile raising activities in relation to election of new members.

To support the growth of provision of education and training the number of Tutors must be expanded and the creation of new Distance Learning Centres in the Far East area is considered.

ICS has a growing reputation as an industry spokesman and source of expertise insufficiently exploited. Thus effort is made to expand the current Panel of Experts and to strengthen the existing links but also identify other organisations, which would benefit the Institute's and subsequently the members' profile.

New Director

Mrs. Barbara Fletcher who has so successfully served the Institute during the last years is due to retire at the end of 2001. The position will be advertised in the press and *The Shipbroker*.

Ties and Foulards

The new ties and foulards of the Institute with the ICS coat of arms appearing discreetly at the lower part are in a great demand. The cost is St.£ 10.50 per piece and members interested may order directly or alternatively advise the Secretary, for us to order on our members' behalf.



We thank our Members for their cooperation and look forward to their continued support in furthering our Institute's objectives.

With all best wishes for a very Happy Easter to all our members and their families,

Soterios Karantonis FICS., ACI Arb.
Chairman