



Newsletter - April 2003

Committee Meetings

The meetings of our Branch Committee Members have continued as usual, on the first Wednesday of every month at 18:45 hours at the Alassia Hotel in Limassol.

Membership and Education were again the main items of concern, together with our dedicated involvement for the successful progress of the Understanding Shipping Course. Other matters dealt with during the last four months included the Annual Dinner, preparations for the visit of Mr. Alan Phillips the Director General of the Institute and the April Examinations.

Annual Dinner

The annual Dinner was held at the Curium hotel on the 21.02.2003 and there was generally a very encouraging presence with over 50 persons attending. Fine cuisine, in the newly refurbished hotel, contributed to a pleasant evening in the company of friends.



Membership

It has now been decided that applications for election to Membership or promotion to Fellowship will be considered four times yearly, instead of two, during the Executive Council Meetings.

Understanding Shipping

Our course "Understanding Shipping" is fully underway and is scheduled to end in June 2003, with 47 students hopefully completing the course successfully. The oral and written examinations are planned to take place as early as possible, the circumstances allowing, before the beginning of summer vacations.

Tutors

Three members have expressed interest and applied to become Tutors. Their assignments have already been submitted to ICS, London and we are eagerly awaiting for their approval confirmation.

Website

We had recently requested our Members to provide us with a passport photo, if possible in digital form, to enable us have it posted alongside their details within our Membership List in our Website. So far, 20 Members have responded, we therefore take the opportunity to remind Members that their photograph should be dispatched by mail or email to either of the following addresses:



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P.O. Box 54077
CY 3720 Limassol*

or

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Spring 2003 Examinations

The ICS qualifying Spring examinations were organized by our Branch during week 15 with the assistance of Foley's Grammar School, who again provided the necessary invigilators.

The venue was the Alassia Hotel and the examinations were carried out, as usual, in a very efficient manner.

Visit of the Director General

Mr. Alan Philips, Director General of the Institute, will be visiting our Branch between the 6th and 9th May 2003. His trip illustrates the great interest the Head Office in London shows towards the Branches abroad and in particular our Cyprus Branch.

We look forward to welcoming you all at our next Members Meeting on the 07.05.2003 at 19:15 hours at the Alassia Hotel, where Mr. Alan Phillips will deliver his presentation on "The Future of the Institute".

Easter

We take this opportunity to relay to all of you and your families our warmest Greetings for the Easter Holidays.



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