



Newsletter - August 2002

Committee Meetings

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

Planning of the “Understanding Shipping” examinations was the main item on our agenda, together with the revision of the manual used for the Course, Members’ subscriptions, the design of our Website, and other day to day matters relating to the administration of the Branch.

Membership

Our Membership as at present is as follows:

FICS	27
MICS	25
Retired FICS	4
MICS	2
Affiliates	2

After the April’s examinations we have had a good number of candidates completing the Qualifying Examinations. In fact, our Branch’s Vetting Committee has approved and submitted to the Institute’s Head Office in London, applications for 1 Affiliate Membership, election of 9 new Members and promotion of 3 Members to Fellowship.

After the election of the above new Members, the growth in the number of our Membership will greatly exceed the Institute’s annual

targeted growth, ranking our Branch amongst the most dynamic Branches of the Institute.

Education / DLC

a) New Syllabus – Qualifying Examinations:

As you are aware the Institute has been for more than two years reviewing the examination syllabus for the Qualifying Examinations. We understand that the new syllabus is ready for introduction and the TutorShip courses are currently being revised and will be introduced from the end of September. The respective brochure is being prepared for printing and will be available soon. Members interested in receiving more information on this matter are kindly requested to contact our Education Officer Mr Andreas Andreou.

b) “Understanding Shipping”

64 students out of the 77 originally registered, have completed our 9 month course “Understanding Shipping” and have already been notified to attend their oral and written examinations on the 7th and 14th September 2002. The examinations are hosted again with the assistance of our Vice-Chairman Mr Andreas Neophytou at the premises of Messrs Marlow Navigation Co. Ltd to whom we extend our warmest thanks for their support. All the necessary facilities, which they provide us with, are of the highest standards, contributing to a very positive image for our Institute and the professionalism with which the examinations are carried out.



Our thanks are also extended to the Cyprus Shipping Council who play a very important part in the recruitment of the Students, the Course Administrator Mr Ben Casey for all the hard work he is contributing, as well as, to all our Tutors for their consistent efforts in maintaining the high values and principles of the Institute.

Meanwhile, two Members of ours have expressed interest to become approved Tutors at our Distance Learning Centre and their applications have already been submitted to the London Head Office for evaluation and approval.

The new course 2001/2002 is expected to commence around the 15th September and so far about 40 new Students have been registered.

Arrangements have been made for the issue of the new amended Manuals, which will be available on the commencement of the Course.

Spring 2003 Examinations – Cyprus Exams Centre

The ICS examinations for Spring 2003 have been set for the period between Monday 7th April and Tuesday the 15th April 2003.

ICS Controlling Council Meeting (CCM)

The next CCM will be held in London on the 23rd and 24th October 2002 and a delegate of our Branch will be attending. The main items on the agenda are appointment of the various Committees, Election of Officers and reporting by the Chairman and the Director of the Institute on budgetary matters, development and Education and Training.

Moreover, approval of applications for Membership and promotions to Fellowship and also decisions will be taken regarding objectives, Marketing strategy, Headquarters and Branch relationship.

Subscriptions

All but a very few Members have settled their subscriptions for 2002/2003 and the relevant receipts will soon be mailed by our Treasurer Mr Philippos Antoniadis. Members who have not yet managed to look into their Membership subscription are kindly reminded to arrange for settlement to enable our Branch to remit the required funds to London.

Website

a) ICS London Website:

The Website of the Institute is currently being revamped and it will contain information about Members, Branches as well as the new syllabi etc.

b) Cyprus Branch Website:

The Website of our own Branch will be launched shortly. On designing our webpage our aim was to initially profile and promote the Branch and our Members but also to acknowledge our presence in the Industry. We have tried as much as possible to have an appealing, usable and functional site and for this reason we have avoided colourful and heavy/difficult to download pages. Our Webpage will contain information about our Branch Committee and Members and will display a Home page, our Newsletters, information about Education and Training and links to other Branches.



Financial Statements 2001/2002

The Audit of the Financial Statements of our Branch for the year ended 31st May 2002 has now been completed by the Auditors Messrs PriceWaterhouseCoopers and is ready for signature and submission to our Members and the Head Office.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM of the Branch will take place on 20th November 2002 and notifications will be sent to all Members well in advance.

Since at the same time, a ballot will also be held for the Election of the new Committee for the years 2002/2004, we would very much appreciate it, if you could insert the above date in your agendas for ensuring your presence at the AGM.

Invitations regarding nominations for election to the Committee will be forwarded to all Members in due time by our Secretary Mr John Hadjiparaskevas.

With all kind regards to all our Members,

Soterios Karantonis FICS., ACI Arb.
Chairman