

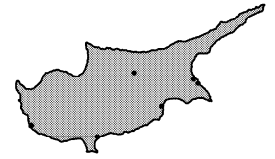


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# THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SHIPBROKERS

## CYPRUS BRANCH

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### Newsletter - December 2000

#### Annual General Meeting - New Committee Elected

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM), took place on Friday, 10.11.2000 at the Alassia Hotel in Limassol, with success and it is a pleasure to list below our new Committee Members :

**Soterios Karantonis** Chairman  
Became a member of the Institute in 1973, is a Director of Uniteam Marine Limited and served as Vice-Chairman of the Branch Committee from 1998-2000.

**Andreas Neophytou** Vice-Chairman  
Became a member of the Institute in 1986, is a Director of Marlow Navigation Co. Ltd. and served as Treasurer of the Branch Committee from 1996-2000.

**John Hadjiparaskevas** Secretary  
Became a member of the Institute in 1994, is the Operations and Chartering Manager of Dobson Fleet Management Ltd. and has been serving since 1996 as Secretary of the Branch Committee.

**Andreas Andreou** Education Officer  
Became a member of the Institute in 1994, is the Insurance, Claims and Documentation Manager of Columbia Shipmanagement Ltd and has been serving since 1996 as Education Officer of the Branch Committee.

**Philippos Antoniadis** Treasurer  
Became a member of the Institute in 1995 and is the Fleet Chief Accountant at Unicom Management Services (Cyprus) Ltd.

We look forward to the new Committee maintaining the very good work and I would like to sincerely thank all Members of the previous Committee for their valuable contributions. Mr Andreas Neophytou for all his hard work during the last four years and also Mr John Hadjiparaskevas and Mr Andreas Andreou for accepting to continue their services as Secretary and Education Officer of the Branch. Their positions meet with challenges and demands, which they have always managed superbly

A special thank you is also extended in particular to the previous Chairman, Mr George Christodoulou, for his role as Vice-Chairman of the Branch since 1996 and subsequently as Chairman from 1998-2000. He has commendably represented our Committee, guiding it towards achieving its goals during the past two years.

During the AGM the ex-Chairman, Mr George Christodoulou gave his speech. He commented on how the branch was established in 1996 with initially 31 members, rising to the current membership of 52.



He reported the favourable news from the Treasurer on our financial statements that we are running a financially strong branch of the ICS, which is not the case with many other branches of the Institute.

The ex-Chairman further reflected on the achievements of the branch during these past two years and particularly the two foremost concerns of Education and how to best serve our Members.

In line with the ex-Chairman's reflection, a recapitulation of our past achievements, is as follows:

### Education

We have successfully introduced in close co-operation and with the support of the Cyprus Shipping Council, the new foundation course in shipping entitled "Understanding Shipping". The Committee Members have worked very hard in the preparation of the course, which has been customised to suit Cypriot perspectives. The aim of the course is to provide a basic knowledge of shipping and Shipmanagement. It has now become available and already 82 students have enrolled for this year.

### Tutors

We have at present the following 7 tutors all fully approved by Tutorship, the Correspondence College of the Institute.

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

Another Member, Mr Costas Pallaris has also expressed the wish to become a Tutor.

However, with 82 students we do need further volunteers from our Members. As well as serving a good cause and the objectives of our Institute, you may realise that the qualification of "Tutor" for any of our Members is a worthy addition to one's own qualifications.

Members interested to become approved Tutors should 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. We really appeal to all our members for more tutors.

### Members Meetings – Committee Meetings

We shall continue to serve our Members and hold regular meetings, enabling Members to actively contribute in discussions and raise any new matters of interest.

We shall also continue to arrange for educational presentations in shipping related subjects, by Guest Speakers. The presentations have received a good response, in that they are both interesting and informative.

We would appreciate if any member having guests from overseas who could possibly offer a presentation, such as P&I, Underwriters, etc., to please contact the Branch. Within reasonable short notice we can organise a Members' Meeting.

Not least, after the meetings we will look forward to the welcomed opportunity to socialise together in a friendly atmosphere.



Branch Committee members will meet as usual on the first Wednesday of every month to continue in their work and discussions.

## Membership / Exams 2001

The membership details of Cyprus, as at October 2000, are:

Fellows	-	26
Members	-	24
Affiliates	-	2

For the 2001 examinations we are glad to have received 30 applications to be submitted to ICS London.

## Employment Register

The employment register is being kept by the Secretary for any of our Members who are seeking employment. Although this facility has not been required as yet, it will continue to be available for the future. Applications received will be treated as solely private and confidential.

## Best Student Prize

As agreed during one of our Branch Committee meetings, the following two annual prizes will be awarded:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize of CYP 150.00 will be presented to the Cyprus Branch student attending the qualifying exams of the ICS and achieving the best marks in:

### SHIPPING PRACTICE

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of CYP 150.00 will be presented to the Cyprus Branch student attending the

qualifying exams of the ICS and achieving the best marks in:

### SHIPMANAGEMENT

We shall arrange a Branch members' meeting for awarding the prizes and the certificates to the new members.

## ICS Controlling Council

The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Branch respectively have attended during the last two years, the Executive Controlling Council and the Annual General Meetings of the Institute. Subjects concerning Appointments of Committees, Finance, Branch Funding, Professional Membership (applications for promotions, elections and re-elections, resignations, strike-offs, etc), Publicity and Marketing, FONASBA, ECASBA, Education and Training, as well as Election of the Officers of the Head Office, have been reported, discussed and acted upon.

## Ties and Foulards

The Institute has just had made new ties and foulards for the male and female members. The ties and foulards are of a modern design and are very attractive with the ICS coat of arms appearing discreetly at the lower part. The cost will be St.£ 10.50 per piece and members interested may order directly or alternatively advise the Secretary, for us to try to order on our members' behalf.

## Annual Dinner and Dance

We have commenced planning our annual Dinner and Dance for our Members and their spouses to be held on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2001. Could you please make a note of this date in your diary and we shall advise you further, in due course.



With the end of this millennium year fast approaching, we look back with pleasure that we have enjoyed a great year and achieved our goals. We value the support we have received from our Members and we look forward to their continued well being and the growth of our Institute.

With kind regards

Soterios Karantonis FICS., ACI Arb.  
Chairman