



Newsletter - December 2002

Committee Meetings

The meetings of our Branch Committee members have continued being held 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 follow-up and preparation for attendance of the ICS Head Office Controlling Council Meeting (CCM) held in London on 23rd and 24th October 2002, which was attended by our then Vice-Chairman Andreas Neophytou.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place on the 20.11.2002 at the Alasia Hotel in Limassol and it is a pleasure to list below the new Committee members.



Andreas Neophytou **Chairman**
Became a member of the Institute in 1986, is a Director of Marlow Navigation Co. Ltd. and served as Vice-Chairman of the Branch Committee from 2000-2002 and Treasurer from 1996-2000.



John Hadjiparaskevas **Vice-Chairman**
Became a member of the Institute in 1994, is the Operations Manager of Uniteam Marine 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 Antoniadou **Treasurer**
 Became a member of the Institute in 1995 and is the Chief Accountant Full Management Fleet of Hanseatic Shipping Company Limited and has been serving since 2000 as Treasurer of the Branch Committee



Graham Cowling **Secretary**
 Became a Member of the Institute in 1994 and is the Technical Director of Reederei "NORD" Klaus E. Oldendorff 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.

Special thanks go to the previous Chairman Soterios Karantonis for his great efforts during the last two years and particularly in the launching of the Understanding Shipping Course.



Membership

During the CCM in London 9 new persons have been approved for membership and 3 promoted to Fellows.



New approved Members

Tim Charalambous
 Vladimir Antonov
 Maurice Baker
 Elena M. Kalli
 Nicolas Rich
 Sergey Alexandrovich Simakin
 Artemios Philitas
 Stephen A. Fyfe
 Nicos Stylianou

They are wholeheartedly welcomed.

New promoted Fellows

Stella Mavromatis
 Tryfon Kassos
 Kyriakos Panayides

Consequently our membership as at November 2002 has changed to a total of 67 Members, as follows:

FICS	30
MICS	30
Retired FICS	4
MICS	2
Affiliates	2



Education / DLC

Out of the 79 Students who had initially enrolled for our foundation course “Understanding Shipping” for the period 2001-2002, 63 Students managed to complete all their assignments by the conclusion date and subsequently have all attended their oral interview and also sat for their written examinations.

We are deeply indebted and thankful to Messrs Marlow Navigation for having allowed us to use for a 2nd year running their training centre. The examinations were held on Saturday 7th and Saturday 14th September 2002. We had four interview groups organised, each consisting of two Members of the Institute, as well as a separate adjoining site for the written part, supervised by our Course Coordinator, Ben Casey of the Cyprus Shipping Council. Altogether the examinations were carried out in a very efficient and well-organised manner.

After marking by the examiners, the final tests had been submitted to TutorShip in London for their review of the final results, in combination with the progress of each Student, as regularly reported by us during the nine months of the course.

I am extremely happy to report that all 63 Students were successful and 4 of them with merit. In fact their certificates have already been distributed.

Our new course for the period 2002/2003 has already commenced effectively with the assistance and support of the Cyprus Shipping Council. For this year we have 47 Students.

Tutors

At present we have 7 approved tutors and two further applications have been received.

ICS Controlling Council Meeting (CCM)

The last CCM was held in London between the 23rd and the 24th October, 2002. Andreas Neophytou attended this meeting.

The Agenda as usual 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, Publicity, Education and Training, Branches and the Institute Development.

Finances

Our Vice-Chairman has reported that the Finances of the Institute were once again one of the main points of the meeting. Budgetary control is exercised and reviews are being undertaken in all major areas of expenditure. Ideas were expressed for the improvement of deficits, through administrative restructuring, membership and Company membership growth, education etc.

Undoubtedly, with all efforts for the modernisation of the Institute to meet the challenges of the new century, installation of new computer systems and Databases, overseas Branches expansion, revision of Syllabuses, recruitment of new Tutors, widening of the range of courses offered and training efficiency, the Institute requires a sound financial base in order to achieve its goals in terms of growth, membership and influence.



Education and Training

As from September 2002, the new Tutorship syllabus has been prepared. The new syllabus includes all the updated issues of the shipping sector (ISM, STCW etc.)

Website

The Cyprus Branch's website was officially launched on the 20th October 2002 with the aim of our presence being acknowledged in the Industry by profiling and promoting the Branch and our Members.

A reminder of website address:

www.icscy.com

Christmas greetings

We take this opportunity to relay our warmest Greetings for Christmas and all best wishes for the new coming year 2003 to all our Members and their families.

Others

We regret to inform you that a very active member of our Branch Elena Kardasheva has sadly passed away after a long illness. We relay our deepest sympathy to her husband and 5-year-old daughter.

Andreas Neophytou FICS., ACI Arb.
Chairman