



## Newsletter - July 2007

Dear Fellows, Members and Friends,

We have already passed the middle of the year, one during which many activities took place and a number of others are being planned.

As mentioned in the January 2007 Newsletter ideas for improving the Newsletter and making it a means of better communication are welcomed from everybody.

### BRANCH'S NEWS

#### 1. Education:

##### a. Organisation of the Exams/Tutorials:

The qualifying exams took place between 21<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007. We are very grateful for the services provided by CYMEPA and Foley's Grammar School who assisted with the organisation of the exams at no cost to the branch for yet another year. Twenty four of the twenty eight enrolled students actually sat the exams.

The Branch had also given the students the opportunity to attend hourly tutorials on several of the examination subjects a couple of weeks prior to their exams. The idea of having these sessions was well accepted by the students who attended the tutorials. The committee intends to re-organise similar assistance next year at an earlier stage. We would like to thank our members Nicolas Assimenos, Xanthos Kyriakou, Yiannis Shittas, Angelos Menelaou, and Andreas Frangos as well as Mr Imad Elias of Elias Marine Consultants and Dr Sotiris Jeropoulos of Frederick Institute of

Technology who have volunteered to help students during these tutorials. Needless to say that additional volunteers for next year would be most welcome.

The students are now anxiously expecting their results which are anticipated to be out on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2007.

##### b. Understanding Shipping:

Fifty three students finalised the Understanding Shipping course on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2007. We are currently making arrangements for the oral and written exams which will take place at Marlow Navigation on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2007 and liaising with the CSC for organising next year's course which will start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2008. The intention is to attract a similar number of students to those we have had this year although it will be necessary to tighten the rules a little, especially the ones relating to submission deadlines of written assignments.

##### c. "Career at Sea":

Presentations to be held for the career officers of secondary schools about employment opportunities in the Shipping industry will finally go ahead at CYMEPA on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2007. The Education Activities Working Group of the CSC, within which the Branch also participates, had agreed that a meeting should be arranged in early September 2007 in order to coordinate action with regard to the campaign.



## 2. Events:

### a. Annual Dinner Dance:

Held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2007 at St Raphael Resort and sponsored entirely by the Branch, our annual dinner dance was given a facelift by changing the venue and inviting special guests. With the presence of 45 members and their spouses and members' guests we can safely say that it proved to be quite a success. We were honoured with the presence of our guest of honour the Mayor of Limassol, Mr. Andreas Christou, who presented plaques to retired members – Mr. Nicos Stefanou, Mr. Peter Lea, Mr. Andreas Loizou and Mr. Andreas Paneras, represented by his son, Nicos; Mr. Umberto Mantovani and Mr. Michael Mileas did not manage to attend; and membership certificates to new members Mrs. Maria Pourgouri, Mrs. Maria Kazamias, Mr. Demetris Constantinides, Mr. Stavros Ioannides, Mr. Tassos Tryfonos (affiliate), - and to Fellows Mr. Alexandros Demetriades, Mr. Ioannis Panayides, Mr. Xanthos Kyriakou, and Mr. Yiannis Shittas. We were also honoured with the presence of the Director of the Department of Merchant Shipping, Mr. Serghios Serghiou, the Director of CYMEPA, Mr. Michael Ierides and Mr. Alex Josephides and Mr. Ben Casey of the CSC.



Mr. Christou presenting the certificates to new members and fellows



Mr. Christou presenting the plaques to retired Members

Fileleftheros published a small article and a photo from our event in their 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 edition.

### b. Member's Meeting:

The member's meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2007 at Alasia Hotel with Guest Speakers, Mr. Mark O'Neil, Partner and Mr. Ron Clark, Admiralty Manager of the international law firm Reed Smith Richards Butler, proved to be quite a success and was much appreciated by those who managed to attend, whom we thank. This was possibly the first time that a member's meeting was attended by more than 40 people.

The talk dealt with a number of topical issues such as:

- Protecting Privilege and a Company's exposure in relation to unnecessary and ill-disciplined correspondence;
- Offer and Acceptance in the context of when is an insurance contract concluded and when is a fixture fixed;
- Port State Control - Picking one's way through the regulatory minefield;



Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Clark giving their talk

During the meeting Mr. Andreas Neophytou, ex-chairman of the Branch, presented a membership certificate to Mr. Evangelos Tsangarides, who was welcomed to the Branch, and a fellowship certificate to Mr. Stephen Fyfe.



Mr. Tsangarides receiving his certificate from Mr. Neophytou

The committee intends to organize another Members' Meeting just before Maritime Cyprus and the AGM some time in November. Details for both events will be announced in due course.

There is a possibility that the Member's Meeting will be organized together with the Nautical Institute local branch, with which we have established contact.

### **c. Social Events:**

The first unofficial event organised by our sub-committee for "under 35's" took place on the 29th June 2007 and it was a gathering at Starbucks cafe. Twenty members and students had the chance to chat in a more relaxed atmosphere and exchange views and ideas. We hope that the next event will be better supported by the members.

### **3. Questionnaire**

We have also had a good response from members in answering the Questionnaire which was sent out by our sub-committee. The results will be analysed and presented at our next meeting. In the meantime if any of the members who have not completed the questionnaire would like to do so please contact Michael Taliotis, our vice chairman.

### **4. Recognition of the Qualification by the Cyprus Government:**

The subject has been initially raised with ICS London and the Education committee in an attempt to find out whether ICS could assist by providing information on what is the position currently held in the UK and possibly other countries. Unfortunately other than the known position of the recognition by certain UK universities as equivalent to BSc for the purpose of admission to MSc degrees no further information could be provided. Our efforts will now concentrate on a couple of governmental departments, where we believe that members could be employed, and on seeking the assistance of their directors in the possibility of having our qualification recognised as an equivalent or as an additional benefit to the qualifications required for employment.



## ICS NEWS

### 1. Membership News

New membership figures have been announced by the Institute earlier this year:

a) Total membership UK Jan 07 – 1639

b) Total membership overseas Jan 07 – 1520

Total membership January 07 – 3159  
(Overseas Non-Branch – 556)

c) Total membership UK 2005-2006 – 1412

d) Total membership overseas 05-06 – 1423

Total membership 2005-2006 - 2835  
(Overseas Non-Branch – 538)

e) Membership Analysis:

It can be seen from the ICS database analysis that from the year 2005-2006 the total membership was 2835 which included fellows, members, retired, affiliate, life, life-no magazine. The same analysis produced at January 2007 shows a figure of 3159. The analysis concludes that membership has risen by 324 in total.

#### Overseas Branches for 2005-2006

Australia/New Zealand	115
Calcutta	16
Canada	68
Cyprus	88
Germany	95
Greece	62
Hong Kong	163
Ireland	80
Madras	114
Mumbai	201
Pakistan	38
Singapore	97
South Africa	120
Sri Lanka	81
United Arab Emirates	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>1423</b>

#### Overseas Branches January 07

Australia/New Zealand	132
Calcutta	22
Canada	74
Cyprus	82
Germany	123
Greece	65
Hong Kong	164
Ireland	104
Madras	118
Mumbai	196
Pakistan	43
Singapore	90
South Africa	111
Sri Lanka	84
United Arab Emirates	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>1520</b>

#### UK Branches 2005-2006

East Anglia	77
Humber	93
Liverpool & Northern Ireland	72
London	906
Newcastle	39
Scotland	74
South Wales & The West	95
Tees & Hartlepool	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>1412</b>

#### UK Branches January 07

East Anglia	79
Humber	103
Liverpool	95
London	996
Newcastle	55
Scotland	100
South Wales & The West	155
Tees & Hartlepool	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>1639</b>

Overseas non branch 566



## 2. Controlling Council:

The next Controlling Council meeting will take place on the 24th October 2007 in Singapore. No agenda has been issued yet. The Chairman will represent the Branch.

## 3. Education Seminar:

Our education Officer, Christos Tsangaris attended the Institute's Education Seminar which took place in London between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14th May 2007. The Seminar took the form of an open forum for discussion and exchange of ideas on topics such as Examinations, Education, Training, Syllabus, Exemptions, etc.

This year about 4000 papers from about 1800 students are expected. This is a new record high and an indication that the PQE earn respect and trust by the industry. However, the limited resources of examiners and assistant examiners may postpone the announcement of the results in August. Ideas to alleviate the problem included the outsourcing of the examinations, but with the Institute remaining the assessor, and the introduction of multiple choice questions similar to understanding shipping.

The Institute is to further review the current syllabus. Another two subjects, "Fundamentals of Finance" and "Port and Terminal Management" have already been added on the existing 14 and will be examined in 2008. However, the main question to be answered is whether the Institute wants to produce specialists or "Jack of All Trades"?

This Newsletter will finish on a different note than usual. Peter Lea is one of our retired members whom we honoured during our last Annual Dinner Dance. Peter addressed the gathering that night, on behalf of the retired members, with some words of appreciation and wisdom. Enjoy it.

### **Peter Lea's speech for the I.C.S. dinner on 2<sup>nd</sup> March '07**

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*Mr Chairman, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.*

*On behalf of the retired members of this Institute honoured here this evening, I would like to thank our guest of honour the Mayor of Limassol, Mr Andreas Christou, for being here and making the Presentations on behalf of the Institute.*

*Thanks must also go to the other honoured guests who, by their presence here this evening, have greatly contributed to this 'special' occasion.*

*It is of course to the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers itself, that we owe our greatest thanks.*

**Membership** opens opportunities for progress. **Membership** suggests you have studied to achieve perfection.

**Membership** entitles you to belong to an exclusive International 'club' of men and women who have honed their skills in order to provide the best possible service.

**Membership**, however, also carries responsibilities, one of which is to encourage and support student membership of this Institute – for these young men and women will be our successors.



*To the current chairman of the Cyprus Branch, Andreas Andreou and his fellow committee members, we would also like to add our thanks for arranging this presentation.*

*In passing, perhaps you will allow me to mention the fact that this year the South African Branch of this Institute is celebrating 10 years of existence. Its roots, however, go back 40 years to when I had the privilege of being a founder member of the Institute of South African shipbrokers - and its President in 1972 & 1973.*

*My shipping career began 50 years ago in Cape Town, South Africa. Since then, like so many others here tonight, I have travelled a great deal in the pursuit of business, represented South African Shipbrokers at a number of International Conferences including FONASBA – the Federation of National Associations of Shipbrokers and Agents – and enjoyed membership of the Baltic Exchange of which I remain a retired member. I first came to Cyprus in 1984 with my wife Cynthia, to celebrate a rather special wedding anniversary and the following year I attended the first of many Maritime Cyprus conferences. Thereafter I visited Cyprus annually until I retired here in 2000.*

*After 50 years in business - I would like to leave you with one last thought:*

***Experience is the ability to recognise a mistake - when you are about to make it again !!***

I feel this is the best way to leave you with best wishes for this summer.

Andreas Andreou FICS  
Chairman