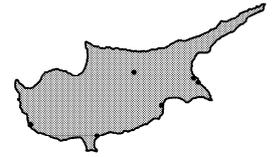




THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SHIPBROKERS CYPRUS BRANCH



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Branch's Annual Dinner

It was our Committee's pleasure to welcome our Fellows and Members and their partners at this year's Branch's Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner was organised on Friday the 25th February 2005 at the Alasia Hotel.

Despite the heavy schedule of a considerable number of our Members who were travelling, this year's Annual dinner was again a success with more than 50 Members / their spouses participating.

In private discussions we have had with numerous Members, they expressed very positive comments for this year's function. They commented that they have had a very enjoyable evening with good food and wine as well as excellent music.



Past Chairman M.r Andreas Neophytou wearing his Past Chairman's medal together with current Chairman Mr. John Hadjiparaskevas

During the dinner, five new Members and 2 newly promoted Fellows received their diplomas from the ex Chairman Mr. Andreas Neophytou.

On the same occasion and in continuation of the Committee's policy to award the Past Chairman's medal to each retired Chairman, our ex-Chairman Mr. Neophytou was presented with the medal in acknowledgement of his valuable contribution to the Institute during his years of service.

ICS Yearly Examinations.

The Institute's examinations in Cyprus which were carried out from 11 until 19 April 2005, were once more organised by the Branch. The arrangements for invigilation for this year's Examinations were again made with Foley's Grammar School and the venue was the Alasia Hotel.

This year a total of 26 students sat for the various examinations, including one overseas student who travelled from Lebanon for taking the examinations in Limassol.

The examinations were organised in an orderly and professional manner. At least one Committee member was attending at the beginning of each session and in coordination with the Invigilators certain problems which have arisen were promptly resolved.

We expect that a number of students will be completing their examinations this year and look forward to the opportunity in welcoming them as our new Members.



Members Meeting

During our Members' meeting held at the Alasia Hotel on 26 May 2005, our guest speaker was the General Secretary of the Cyprus Marine Environment Protection Association (CYMEPA), Dr. Michael Ierides. Dr. Ierides is a Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry, Member of many Societies amongst others he is a Member of the Biochemical Society, a Member of the Quality Association and the Cyprus Academy of Science. He is a Tutor of the Empire State University of New York and Consultant of the Cyprus Government on IMO matters. He is also a Member of various other Committees, juries and panels.

The meeting commenced with the Chairman's usual update on Branch's affairs. Thereafter, the Chairman introduced our guest speaker Dr. Michael Ierides, who has kindly accepted our invitation and has delivered a very interesting presentation on a subject that concerns all of us entitled "ISO 14000: Beauty or a Beast"

A large number of our Members attended the meeting and had the chance to meet each other and socialise after the end of the presentation.



Mr. J. Hadjiparaskevas presenting Dr. M. Ierides with the book "The Ports of Cyprus" and thanking him for delivering a very interesting presentation.

Recognition of the ICS Qualification as Equivalent to a first University degree

In our January Newsletter we have reported that for unregulated professions like Shipbroking, there are no rules with respect to employment in the European Union. The individual employers have the right to employ any person for a position within their organisations irrespective of his qualifications and work experience.

However, since most of our Members' concern about equivalence is for finding employment in the Government sector (for example the Department of Merchant Shipping) and in Semi-Governmental organisations like the Cyprus Port Authority, we are investigating through various contacts whether there is any possibility for us to apply directly to the Government and these organisations requesting them to change their requirements for employment (Σχέδια Υπηρεσίας) making Membership an equivalent qualification for applying for positions within these organisations.

Branch's Donation for the Tsunami Disaster

Following the Branch's Donations to each of the Sri Lanka and Chennai Branches, we have received messages of appreciation from both Branches and the Director General of the Institute.

The two Branches were very grateful and to assure us that our donation was appropriately distributed they reported on the method of disposing the funds.

The Sri Lanka Branch has recently advised us that they have collected a total of about USD 8,000 which will be used for the purchase of nets for fishermen who were worst hit by the disaster and have lost their boats, nets and houses.



The Chennai Branch has reported that they have not donated the funds directly to the sufferers but they have arranged for a remittance directly into the Prime Minister's relief fund which was specially created for relief to the sufferers.

Creation of a Greek Branch

As most of our Members have probably seen in the International Shipping press, the creation of a Greek Branch was recently announced in a gathering of Greek Shipbrokers in Piraeus in the presence of the Institute's Director General Mr. Alan Philips.

The Greek Branch's organising Committee lead by Mrs Natalia Margioli of Hellenic Management Centre, has contacted us for our advice as to how they should proceed with the formation of the Branch and have relayed to her our experiences. We have also forwarded to her a copy of our Rules and Regulations which they could adopt in accordance with the requirements of their Branch and the Greek Law.

Our conversations with Mrs Margioli were on a very friendly and pleasant basis. She has promised once the formation of the Branch is completed, to work closely and cooperate in matters and issues of mutual concern. The possibility of organising joint functions was also discussed and we look forward to a very close cooperation with our fellow Branch in the area.

Invitation to our Branch to join the Institute's Education and Training Committee

In recognition of our Branch's efforts as a Distant Learning Center in promoting Education and the success of the "Understanding Shipping" as well as the good number of students participating in the Institute's yearly examinations, our Education Officer Mr. Christos Tsangaris was invited to

participate on the work carried out at the meetings of the Education and Training Committee and our Branch will be expressing each time our thoughts and experiences in matters discussed.

The Branch has accepted the invitation with pleasure and all Committee Members will mutually elaborate with Mr. Tsangaris on matters discussed prior to advising the Institute of our Branch's opinion.

Membership

The Branch's Membership now stands at 30 Members, 33 Fellows, 7 retired Members/Fellows and 2 Affiliate Members, a total of 72.

We would also like to congratulate our Tutor Ms Christina Christoforou for her Promotion to Fellowship.

An updated list of members may be obtained from the Branch's website www.icscy.com or the secretary of the Branch Mr. M. Taliotis.



People awarded with their diplomas during the Annual Dinner. From left to right: Mr. A. Menelaou (MICS), Mr. A. Zotiades (FICS), Mr. N. Assimenos (MICS), Mr. N. Stylianou (FICS), Mr. A. Neophytou, Mr. Y. Shittas, Mrs. E. Christodoulidou, Mr. J. Hadjiparaskevas.



Members' Contact Details

All Members whose contact details have in any way changed are requested to advise the Branch Chairman or Secretary of their new updated details for amending our records.

Subscriptions 2004-2005

Members who have not settled their Subscriptions for the year 2004-2005 are kindly requested to arrange payment soonest.

John Hadjiparaskevas *FICS*
Chairman