



ICS NEWS

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Dear Members,

The purpose of our Newsletter is to keep you up to date not only with our Branch's news but also with developments taking place in ICS worldwide. A lot of effort is put in by a lot of people to move ICS forward and make it stronger for the benefit of its Fellows and Members.

Day of the Sea Event

The Day of the Sea, as you all know, is a biannual event organized in late September by the Cyprus Shipping Chamber. The aim of the event is twofold: to

promote the image and the profile of the shipping industry in Cyprus and to raise funds for charity.



The Branch participated in the event by sharing a stand with the Nautical Institute. Members of the Committee and the Under 35s who manned the stand had the opportunity to meet and talk to a number of young students and their parents, encouraging them to follow a career in shipping by promoting the courses offered by our Institute. Those Members that visited the stand were provided with a T-Shirt with the Institute's logo, specially produced for the occasion.

Understanding Shipping

The course is now in its ninth year, running in close co-operation with the Cyprus Shipping Chamber. More than 600 students have taken the course so far, all from member companies of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber. Last year 42 students out of the 66 initially enrolled completed it successfully. Four students namely

***Marina Vitti
Ann Karekla
Daniella Ioannou Mueller
Gabiella Soteriou***

received a Merit and were invited at our Annual Dinner to be presented with their diplomas.



This year 70 students have been enrolled which constitutes a new record high.

We welcome on board our three new tutors - Nicolas Assimenos, Alexander Pakhomov and Elena Schiza- and wish them every success in their new roles.

In addition, we would like to thank Marlow Navigation for offering their space and hospitality for the oral and written examinations,

Controlling Council

The Controlling Council was held in London between 22-24 October 2008. The Branch was represented by our education officer Christos Tsangaris. The main objective of this Controlling Council meeting, as expected, was to bring current rules and procedures into line with the New Bye-Laws that came into force on 2nd November 2007. Most prominently, the delegates, taking into account that now there are more branches than places available in the CC, had to discuss and propose the recommended composition. The outcome of the discussions was that, for the time being, all active branches will be represented at the Controlling Council with one Fellow representative. This arrangement has been achieved after the Federation Council and the London Branch consented to limit their seats at the Controlling Council.

A few of interesting points examined during the council are:

- 1. The decision to investigate the possibility, once more of having exams two times every year**

2. Kenya Branch was welcomed to the global network of branches and there was a decision to try and reactivate the Calcutta branch
3. The Institute's history is being compiled by an appointed historian to be ready for the centenary in 2011. Apart from the elder members the branches will be asked to contribute
4. Centenary celebrations will be organized in London and India by the Chennai branch
5. Despite attempts to change the structure of the CC based on regional representation there has been a decision for all branches to participate for the time being. Even non branch members could be invited to participate at CC workshops. The CC will then elect the members of the EC who will be acting as individual appointments and will not act as delegates of their respective Branches
6. Branch members of the CC should be fellows elected as per the Institutes Bye Laws. The committee decided to propose the current Chairman to represent the Branch at next year's CC. There has also been a decision not to stand for EC elections as there should be a commitment for attendance at least 3 of the 4 meetings
7. London Branch will have two seats at the CC as well as a permanent seat at the EC

8. George Greenwood is the new president of ICS and Alan Marsh (Braemer) the new vice president
9. The new CC will be constituted during an EGM on 1st December and then the members of the CC will elect the new EC



Mr. Bruce Ogilvy, our IPA, having thanked a number of people for their support during his chairmanship, stressed the need for the Institute to continue to develop its vision by “out of the box” thinking and keeping the proverbial helicopter off the deck.

AGM

Our AGM was held at Curium Palace Hotel on the 12th November 2008.

The Chairman in his keynote speech highlighted the educational as well as social activities of the Branch in the preceding year by referring amongst others to the successful organization of the Qualifying Examinations by the Branch as well as those of the

Understanding Shipping course, the participation of committee members to the executive and controlling council meetings as well as the education seminar held by ICS. He also referred to the results of the discussions the Branch had with the Department of Merchant Shipping on the equivalence issue and last but not least to the contribution of the Under 35's subcommittee.

Our guest speaker, Capt. Andreas Frangos FICS, delivered a very interesting speech on the very hot topic of "The Criminalization of Seafarers"

In the elections that followed, Christos Tsangaris, Michalis Taliotis, Stephen Fyfe, Xanthos Kyriakou and Demetris Constantinides were elected as the new Members of the Branch' Committee.

We wish them to keep on working towards the strengthening of the Branch for the benefit of its Members.

Charity Event

In an effort to contribute to our local community and show our humane side, the Branch organized, for the second consecutive year, a fund raising event amongst its Members. The task was undertaken by the Under 35s subcommittee who managed, in a very short time, to collect the amount of €2500 from Members and shipping companies. The

proceeds were donated to the "Friends for Life foundation".



We thank all members and companies that contributed, in particular:

Columbia Shipmanagement, Uniteam Marine and Bernard Schulte.

Exceptional thanks go to our Member Kyriakos Kourias for his very kind gesture in offering the proceeds of his fund raising Amathousian run.

Annual Dinner

Our Annual Dinner this year was graced by the presence of our guest of honour, His Excellency the Minister of Communications & Works, Mr. Nicos Nicolaides.

The event was held on 31st January 2009 at St. Raphael Resort in Limassol. It was an opportunity for the Members to get together with their partners, and have a relaxed and enjoyable evening. Also, it was an opportunity to invite and thank the

people that support us throughout the Year.

The Chairman, in his welcoming address, thanked His Excellency for accepting our invitation to attend our event, indicating government support towards the local shipping industry and specifically our Institute.

His Excellency delivered a short speech in which he underlined the importance of professionalism in the industry and praised the work done by our Institute as education providers.

Subsequently, he presented diplomas to the students of the Understanding Shipping course, certificates to new members and the promotions to Fellow.

Also, His Excellency presented the President's medal of ICS to our Past Chairman Andreas Andreou.



Andreas has served the Branch with zeal and consistency in various posts for twelve

consecutive years. In fact, he has the distinction of being the longest-serving member of the Branch.

The outstanding evening closed with the raffle draw for which only Members in attendance were eligible to participate.

We would like to extend a very big thank you to the companies which kindly offered prizes and contributed to the success of our annual dinner.

Under 35's Sub-Committee Received a Merit!

We are proud to observe that our example in setting up the Under 35s Sub-committee a few years ago, has now been embraced by the ICS Membership Committee, which has urged all Branches to form similar young forums of ICS based on the Cyprus model. We have already contacted by the Kenya Branch in order to assist them in setting up their young forum.

Next members Meeting

Our next Members Meeting is scheduled to take place on the 2nd April at Columbia Plaza, Venue Centre.

The meeting will commence for members only at 1830 with the Chairman's brief update on the Branch's current affairs followed by Members' questions. We shall, thereafter, open the meeting to members of the Cyprus Shipping

chamber and the Nautical Institute at 1845 to continue with the following presentation by Hill Dickinson LLP:

“Management of Marine Casualties”

The presentation will include an overview of the legal and technical steps to take if a vessel is involved in a serious marine incident, set in context against a fictional scenario.

At the conclusion of the meeting Hill Dickinson LLP have kindly invited all attendees to join them for drinks/cocktails and canapés after the meeting for our usual social get together and an opportunity to ask additional questions.

New Fellows and Members

We would like to congratulate:

**Mr. Achilleas Achilleos
Mrs Elena Schiza
Mrs Stefania Touli
Mrs. Elena Yerolemou**

for their promotion to Fellow and welcome officially



Also we welcome on Board:

**Orestis Manolis
Demetris Georgiades
Demetris Hadjidimitriou
Ivanka Pittelkau**



as new members in our Branch