



ICS NEWS

Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers

SETTING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY WORLDWIDE THROUGH EDUCATION AND EXAMPLE

CYPRUS BRANCH

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Dear Fellows, Members and Friends,

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

BRANCH'S NEWS

1. Education:

a. Organisation of the Exams/Tutorials: The qualifying exams took place between 21st and 30th April 2008. CYMEPA assisted with the organisation of the exams, as usual and we would like to thank them for offering their premises at no cost to the branch for one more year. From the 30 students that enrolled for

the exams initially 26 had actually sat the exams.

The branch had also offered to the students the opportunity to attend tutorials on several of the examination subjects a few weeks prior the exams. This was a more structured arrangement than the first attempt we did last year. 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 University who have volunteered to help students during these tutorials.

b. The “Understanding Shipping” course, is progressing well and we estimate that about 45 students from the 66 enrolled ones will finalise the course within the specified time frame. The written and oral exams will take place on the 6th of September 2008 at the premises of Marlow Navigation.

Any Members who are interested in assisting in this effort in the capacity of a tutor should get in touch with any of the committee members.

A new manual has been forwarded to all branches by ICS London. Ben Casey of CSC has identified the areas that were previously tailor made for Cyprus enabling thus the tutors to review same. ICS has already given us their green light to use the amended manual as of next October when the new course will start.

c. We have applied to the Education trust of the Institute and got approval for the purchase of new books worth STP 2000. The Institute has assisted us in the purchase and despatch of the books which are now available to both the members and the students. In view of the tutorials taking place at CYMEPA for the last two years we have decided that the new books will be placed there and form an additional library to the one that members and students can access at the CSC.

d. Our secretary, Stephen Fyfe attended the Institute’s Education Seminar which took place in London on the 8th and 9th of May. The delegates were separated into 3 working groups and had brain storming sessions on:

1. Examination procedures
2. Course Development and
3. Professional Development.

An interesting development which we would like to bring to your attention is the ICS’s new Web page. The login section to the members of the ICS web page is very interactive with many features, topics, blogs etc. We urge you to have a look and get involved.

Further there is a new web based community site for the commercial shipping sector known as Argonaut – www.Argo0.com . Argonaut facilitates conversation and gives access to

the most comprehensive maritime glossary online. ICS Members have access to the “ICS Members Only Area” that includes Professional Development articles, seminar papers, committee minutes, Shipping Network and much more. You will need to create your account once you get to Argo0. There are some simple instructions to follow to get set up. The site includes the following:

ICS members' only area: This area of the site contains information for ICS members and fellows.

Forums: Forums are available for students, members, fellows and tutors. Any number of forums including private forums if there is demand from a particular group can be created.

Books: Recommendations for books that should be listed are acceptable

Glossary: Based on the 5th edition of the Alan Branch 'Dictionary of Shipping' there are around 18,000 terms here

Directory: Under construction with details of around 600 companies expected to be loaded. The aim being to expand that to reach into the 000's. This area provides a useful means of free advertising to argo0 members.

Members' profile: Every member has the ability to update their own profile. Not only can you update your contact details, but you

decide if you want those details to be public or private. You can add details of current and past workplaces and list 'keywords' to help get 'found' .

The younger staff brought into the institute for project development and internet based education development have been doing a lot of work to try and develop the Institutes activities and get information set-up. We hope to be able to communicate all these developments to you when more details are made available to the branches.

It has also been requested from the head office to coordinate the flow of information about interesting developments in different branches so that each branch can get a good idea what other branches are doing.

2. Under 35's

Our sub-committee for “under 35's” has been very active assisting the committee in the arrangements for our the Annual Dinner and have introduced new ideas which resulted from members' comments and requests such as the sitting arrangements and the raffle draw with several prizes kindly donated by companies or sponsored by the Branch.

The sub-committee has recently announced their new ideas about the unofficial events. The first one took place on 17th July at Draughts Microbrewery where a

small number of members and students gathered. As we have repeatedly said the idea for the unofficial events is for all members to attend, not just the younger ones, with the aim to get to know each other, exchange ideas with the purpose of improving the Branch's presence in Cyprus and meet the expectations of the members and in general to have fun. It is also an opportunity to invite the students who may want to meet other members ask questions and learn more about the Institute and the Branch.

The sub-committee has also suggested to the committee our separate participation in the day of the Sea event organised by the CSC. Further details will be announce later and again expect that the members will show their support to the event.

3. Annual Dinner Dance

Our Annual Dinner dance took place at St Raphael Resort on 22nd February. Mr Kevin Shaekesheff, the Chairman of the Institute, was resented at the Dinner with his wife.

This was the first visit of a Chairman of the Institute to the Cyprus Branch, and shows the respect our Branch has gained over the years through the efforts of the past Chairmen and Committees.



The Chairman of the Institute Mr. Kevin Shaekesheff receiving a gift from the Cyprus Branch Chairman Mr. Andreas Andreou

We were also honoured with the presence of the Mayor of Limassol, Mr Andreas Christou who presented the certificates to the new members and fellows together with Mr Shakesheff as well as the President of the CSC, Mr Dirk Fry, the Director of the Department of Merchant Shipping, Mr Serghios Serghiou, Mr Liakos Theodorou of PWC and Mr Ben Casey of the CSC.



Honored guests with new members and promoted Fellows

During the Dance Mr. Shakesheff was also asked to present John Hadjiparaskevas with the President's medal as an appreciation for John's services to the branch not only from his position as Chairman in the years

2004-2006 but from various other positions since the establishment of the branch until today.



The ICS Chairman Mr. Kevin Shaekesheff handing over the President's medal to the Ex-Officio Chairman Mr. John Hadjiparaskevas

4. Member's Meeting

On 14th of May 2008 a members' meeting was organized at Curium Palace Hotel.

The guest speakers were Mr Chris Hilton and Ms Jessica Pollock of Eversheds, Newcastle who talked on the following subjects:

A. The Archimidis case - an interesting 2008 Court of Appeal decision on:

(i) safe port obligations in charters where the port is named and
(ii) the position under a deadfreight clause where the charterer tried to tender cargo for a ship which she could not load owing to the conditions in the port.

B. Documentary update from Bimco:

(i) Newbuildcon and recent developments in the law relating to shipbuilding contracts and refund guarantees.

(ii) Shipman 2009 - where are we?

The meeting was well attended and enjoyed by Members, Students and Guests.

Messrs Eversheds also kindly sponsored the drinks and snacks served after the talk and we thank them for that.



The Branch Chairman handing over a book on Cyprus Ports to Chris Hilton of Eversheds

5. Equivalence

a. Meeting with DMS

We had an initial meeting with Mr Serghios Serghiou of the Department of Merchant Shipping and his team where we presented our position to have our qualification included in the schemes of service for the positions of Maritime officer, as an additional qualification to the current requirements. Mr Serghiou has seen our request positively and we are expecting to see our qualification in the schemes of service whenever vacancies will be next announced.

EU Directive 2005/36/EC deals with the recognition of professional qualifications amongst the member states. Those of you interested in finding a bit more about the mutual recognition of professional qualification in EU please get in touch with any of the committee members.

b. Discussions with CIIM and Frederick University

The branch is currently discussing with CIIM and Frederick University the following:

- Recognition of our qualification for entry into the Masters and/or Bachelors degrees offered at the two institutions
- Granting of credits for those members who will decide to proceed with any such course
- Flexibility in the period of completion of such a course

Further the Branch will undertake to forward the syllabus of the courses to ICS Education committee in order for evaluation and granting of exemptions to certain of the PQE subjects, if appropriate, to graduates of the courses.

We shall keep members informed.

6. 2nd International Scientific Maritime Conference, Limassol

Capt. Andreas Frangos has kindly agreed to represent the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers at the conference due to take place on the 21st to 23rd November 2008 with the paper “Criminalisation in Shipping – Making Criminals out of Professionals”

The Conferenece’s Main Topic is “Human Resources in the Shipping Industry: New Trends and Challenges in the 21st Century”

7. CSC AGM

The Chairman of the Branch attended the CSC AGM which took place at the Hawaii Grand on 11th April 2008.

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1. Executive Council Meeting 19th March 08

The Branch’s chairman took part at the Executive Council which took place in London on the 19th of March where a number of subjects ranging from education, membership, the finances of the Institute the new year’s budget etc have been discussed.

It is worth mentioning that the Institute established a new branch in Kenya on 27th February with the assistance of the South African branch. China remains a major target area for the ICS.

The breakdown of membership as at 19th March stands at

Branch	MICS	FICS	Retired	Life
Aust/New Zealand	76	31	21	13
Calcutta	6	9	2	5
Canada	34	25	6	8
Cyprus	38	39	3	5
East Anglia	36	17	9	15
Germany	111	11	0	0
Greece	54	15	1	0
Overseas Non Branch	434	100	24	17
Hong Kong	119	42	3	1
Humber	32	32	12	22
Ireland	25	32	15	6
Liverpool	20	20	12	41
London	397	317	140	211
Chennai	93	35	0	1
Mumbai	187	29	2	4
Newcastle	7	20	7	20
Pakistan	36	11	1	0
Scotland	31	22	10	38
Singapore	57	42	1	1
South Africa	56	46	18	1
South West & Wales	36	33	18	37
Sri Lanka	68	27	0	0
Tees & Hartlepool	27	18	5	6
UAE	80	19	0	0
Total	2060	992	310	452

It is also important to mention the mission and roles of the Institute going forward between now and 2012:

Mission statement – “**Promoting professionalism in the shipping industry worldwide**”. Professionalism couples trust and integrity with knowledge of one’s business. In ICS this equates to “Our Word Our Bond” plus PQE.

The roles of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers

- **Professional body** for commercial shipping with an established respected international reputation for raising professional standards
- Confers membership and Chartered status on Fellows

- **Examining authority** – sets and examines the syllabus for membership
- Awards exemptions for ICS examinations
- Awards internationally recognised professional qualification
- **Education and training course provider**
- One day training courses
- Accredits other Education and Training providers
- Distance learning and e-learning programmes

2. Executive Council Meeting 22 May 08

The Branch's Secretary took part in this meeting where again a multitude of subjects were discussed. It is worth mentioning that the Council liked Cyprus Branch U35 sub-Committee and asked for submission of a report on how we make the initiative work, benefits etc. in order to be used as a model for other Branches

3. New Course

A decision has been made for a new course "All you wanted to know about shipping but were too frightened to ask!" should be developed for the Autumn 2008. This would help fill the gap for those who gained an exemption to "Introduction to Shipping" but did not really have the necessary shipping knowledge to proceed with PQE.

4. Merchandise

In addition to the various products of merchandise that ICS sells to the members (cufflinks, ties etc) a nice paper weight has now been produced. The paper weight will be advertised to all members in the next edition of the e-zine at the standard price of £14.99.



NEW MEMBERS AND FELLOWS

Finally we would like to congratulate:

Julia Anastasiou
Nicolas Assimenos
Stephania Toouli and
Elena Yerolemou

for their promotion to Fellow and

Kyaw Thet Naing
Dieter Rhodenburg
Alex Pakhomov and
Panayiotis Hanas

as new Members to our Branch

Wishing you all a relaxing remainder of the Summer

Andreas Andreou
Chairman