



Newsletter - August 2003

Committee Meetings

The meetings of our Branch Committee Members have continued 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 matter dealt with during the last four months included the visit of our Director General Mr. Alan Phillips.

Directors Visit

The almost three day visit (06-09/05/2003) to Cyprus of our Director General Mr. Alan Phillips was enough to give him an insight of the Cyprus Branch and its activities but also to experience our “different” weather conditions.

His visit was one of our Institute’s initiatives to further promote its aims, but also to be closer to the Branches abroad.

The D.G. escorted always by one of our committee members visited several shipmanagement companies here in Limassol and was impressed by the expertise and volume of activities in this respect.

Our D.G. had the opportunity to attend our monthly committee meeting followed by the quarterly Members Meeting where we had the pleasure to hear him analyse his thoughts about the future of our Institute.

The D.G. noticed that the Branch provides a focal point where members experience a sense of belonging, promote all aspects of the Institute and have a strong voice on local shipping matters. It reinforces locally the international standard-setting reputation of the Institute, which in turn strengthens the feeling of value that members place upon their qualification.



Mr. Alan Phillips addressing our members at Members Meeting on the 7th of May, 2003.

Members Meetings

During the members meeting, on the 7th of May, a medal was presented to our past Chairman Mr. Soterios Karantonis by the Director General. The present Chairman, Mr. Andreas Neophytou, thanked Mr. Karantonis for everything that he has done for the Branch.



Our D.G. presenting our past chairman (left) with the medal while the present chairman Mr. A. Neophytou is over looking.

Understanding Shipping

Our course “Understanding Shipping” is almost completed and the oral and written examinations are planned to take place on Saturday the 13th September, 2003. This year we have 41 participants who have completed their assignments. We wish them all good luck.

Tutors

Three members have expressed interest and applied to become Tutors. Their assignments have been submitted to ICS, London and they have already been approved. These members are: Mr. Nicos Stylianou, Ms. Stella Mavromatis and Ms. Christina Christoforou. We congratulate them all.

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Chairman