



ICS NEWS

Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers

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

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Dear Members,

The year 2010 was another successful year for the Branch, with the great success of our students in the PQE examinations, and with our membership reaching the ambitious milestone of 100 members. Unfortunately, it was also a year of bad memories, as two of our members, Andreas Paneras and Demetris Georgiadis, as well as the Director of ICS, Alan Phillips, are not with us anymore. As we have already entered 2011, new targets have been set to drive the Branch even higher. With the high caliber of our members and their continuous support to the Branch, there is no doubt that 2011 will be another year of great achievements and growth.

Paying tribute to a Institute Visionary

Our Director Alan Phillips and a very good friend of the Branch passed away unexpectedly.



David Alan Phillips was a senior ranking officer who on retiring from the Royal Navy made a great success of a second career at the helm of the leading international shipping institute. His death at the age of 61 deprives the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers of its driving force over the last decade.

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 the education stand. Members of the Committee and the Under 35s who manned the stand had the opportunity to meet and talk to many youngsters, 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.

Member's Meeting

On the 28th of September we held our regular Member's meeting. After Chairman's short run-down of the Branch affairs a presentation was delivered by guest speakers Mr. Mark T. O'Neil, Partner and Antonia Panayides, Associate of Reed Smith, the topics titled: The Rotterdam Rules - A Step in the Right Direction? And

The Global Sanction Regime against Iran - Better Safe Than Sorry! Both meetings were opened to Members of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber as well as to Members of the Nautical Institute.



Understanding Shipping

This year the Understanding Shipping course has completed ten years of contribution to the local shipping industry. More than 400 students passed, and received the ICS Tutorship Certificate. Last year 66 students registered for the course and 50 of them passed it successfully. Five students passed with Merit and will be invited to receive their diplomas at the Annual Dinner, as a token of appreciation for their efforts.

This year 56 students enrolled for the course. In spite of the slight reduction, we consider that the numbers are still very satisfactory.

Professional Qualifying Examinations

The Professional Qualifying Examinations took place between the 21st and 30th of April at CYMEPA House. Thirty Six students out of the forty two registered, sat the exams. Fifteen of them were totally new students. This is the highest number we have ever had in examination. Tutorial Classes on most subjects were also offered in an effort to assist students to pass the exams.

The results of the April Examinations which were released in August were indeed very encouraging and positive for the Branch. Seven students completed the examinations successfully and applied for membership.

In addition, Irina Margulis and Maria Savva received a distinction, in Port Agency and in Economics for sea Transport and International Trade respectively. Maria was invited to the Prize Giving Luncheon which was held on 21st October in London to receive the Adamantios Hadjipateras Memorial award.



Also, Evangelos Rousos who passed 6 subjects at his first sitting received the Prize of the candidate with the highest marks overall. Evangelos, was also invited to the Prize Giving Luncheon to receive the Lloyds List Award.

On another note, two of our Members Cpt. Andreas Francos and Mr. Angelos Menelaou were awarded their doctorate degrees from the Institute of Work Based Learning of Middlesex University at a recent ceremony held at the Hilton Hotel in Nicosia: Andreas in Maritime education and Angelos in human resources.

Controlling Council

The Controlling Council meeting took place on 20th October in Durham, UK. Our Branch was represented by our current Chairman Mr. Michael Taliotis. A few interesting points discussed during the council meeting were:

The ratification of the Governance Handbook, the purpose of which is to facilitate the ICS governance for the benefit of ICS officers, Council and Committee members and Branches' Chairmen, as well as to provide a transparent and easily accessible central source of information.

The celebrations of the ICS Centenary which will be marked by two events, one on the 26th May 2011 at the National Maritime Museum Greenwich in London, and the other in Chennai in November 2011.

Mrs. Zarach, the author of ICS Centenary, gave a presentation of the ICS History. The history has now gone to press and will very shortly be available. The Branch decided to obtain some copies of this publication at a special pre-publication price to

offer them as a gift to our guest speakers.

Mr. Alan Marsh was elected as President and Mr. Robert Woods was elected as Vice President

Life Membership

Mr. Adonis Papadopoulos and Mr. Chris White have been approved as Life Members. Taking this opportunity I would like to remind you that Life Members are entitled to all the ordinary privileges of Membership except the right to vote or take part in the management affairs of the Institute. Life Members are not required to pay subscription or otherwise contribute to the funds of the Institute.

AGM

Our AGM was held at Curium Hotel on the 25th November 2010. The Chairman in his keynote speech highlighted the Branch last year's activities. Our guest speaker, Mr. Clafkos Cariolou delivered a very interesting presentation titled "300 B.C. Experimental Nautical Archaeology - The Kyrenia Ship".



In the elections that followed, Michalis Taliotis , Stephen Fyfe, Xanthos Kyriakou, Demetris Constantinides and Nicolas Assimenos 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.

Committees' Structure

During the Committee meeting followed AGM, the Branch Committee was structured as follows:

- C. Tsangaris – Ex-Officio Chairman**
- M. Taliotis – Chairman**
- S. Fyfe – Vice Chairman**
- X. Kyriakou – Secretary**
- D. Constantinides – Treasurer**
- N. Assimenos – Education Officer**

During the same meeting Christina Christoforou, Maria Kazamias, Stephanie R. Mogharbel, Maria Mastoroudes, Simos Pilakouris and Stavros Kavalierakis were appointed as the new 'Under 35' Sub Committee. The Branch's Education Officer, Mr. Nicolas Assimenos was nominated as the Chairman of the above mentioned Sub Committee.

Charity Event

The charity event which has been organized at Christmas, has gradually been instituted as one of the yearly Branch events and demonstrates that we take very seriously our social responsibility. This year's proceeds amount to €3200 was donated to the Centre for Preventive Pediatrics.



The Centre was founded in 1988 and resides in Limassol. It is registered as a non-profit organization. It has been a pioneer in the implementation of universal prenatal and neonatal screening programs.

We would like to thank all Members and companies, who offered generously to this noble cause.

New Members

We would like to welcome on board the following new members:

Maria Savva

Evangelos Rousos

Jayant Singh

Marios Theofilides

George Patsias

Simos Pillakouris

We would also like to congratulate Mr. Alexander Pakhomov for his promotion to Fellow.

Our current membership stands at: 59 Fellows, 34 Members and 7 Life Members

Michael Taliotis - *FICS*

Chairman