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Happy New Year 2022!

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MR. PHILIPPOS PHILIS OFFICIALLY APPOINTED ECSA PRESIDENT



During the Board of Directors Meeting and General Assembly of the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA), which was held, 9 December 2021, in Brussels, the Chamber's Immediate Past President, Mr. Philippos Philis was officially appointed as ECSA President.

Mr. Philis, who was elected in October 2019 as Vice- President, is expected to assume the duties of President of the Association as from 1 January 2022, for a period of two years.

Whilst we congratulate Mr. Philis for his appointment, this very positive development shows the important recognition that the Cyprus Shipping Chamber and Cyprus Shipping holds amongst the European Shipping Community, as well as the personal

recognition that Mr. Philis enjoys among his European peers.

We warmly therefore, congratulate Mr. Philis for this significant milestone and wish him every success at his term of office for the next two years.

In addition to Mr. Philis election as President of ECSA, another achievement was marked for the Chamber with the third consecutive re-election of the Chamber's Director General, Mr. Thomas Kazakos, as Chairman of the ECSA State Aid Committee for another two years, which deals with the very important matter of regulating taxation of shipping companies within EU framework.



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DECEMBER CSC MEMBERS' MEETING



The Cyprus Shipping Chamber held its, last for the year, Monthly Members' Meeting, on 20 November 2021, at the Four Seasons Hotel, in Limassol, during which a presentation was held by Mr. Nicholas Argyrou, General Manager of our Member-company, Bunkernet Ltd, entitled: "Bunker Fuel Transition- The path to 2030 and beyond".

During this interesting presentation the 2020 sulfur cap regulation was examined as to its uptake by the shipping companies and user experience. A discussion on the way forward and of the possible pathways to compliance for shipping on the road to "Net Zero" was followed.



Mr. Argyrou with the assistance of Mr. Steffen Kortegard, General Manager and Technical Manager of Bunker One, presented possible transitional fuels by giving an example of an available Bio Fuel blend, and an update of LNG in the Mediterranean.

Finally the presentation gave an outline of the new generation fuel candidates and their possible operational challenges in terms of availability and cost/credit.

The meeting ended with the traditional "social hour", where Members had the opportunity to network.

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56TH CYPRUS SHIPPING CHAMBER BLOOD DONATION DRIVE



The Cyprus Shipping Chamber, as the trade association of the Shipping Industry in Cyprus, held its second blood donation drive for the year, with the supportive participation of its Shipping Member-companies employees, on 15 December 2021 at the Agios Georgios Havouzas Reception Hall, in Limassol.

For 28 years, the Shipping Community in Cyprus is selflessly offering the precious gift of life to its fellow humans, as part of the ongoing charitable activities of the Shipping Chamber, a service that has been honoured by the Blood Coordinating Committee of the Limassol District, for the significant number of blood units gathered through the years.

The Shipping Chamber expresses its sincere gratitude to the staff of its Member-companies, who have embraced its charitable activities over the years, thus continuing the Shipping Chamber's long tradition in socio-economic contribution to Cyprus society.

CONTINUING ITS EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Chamber through its Marine Officer, Mr. Chrysostomos Efthymiou, delivered career presentations regarding the career options and courses available for the shipping sector to high school students in Agias Fylaxeos Lyceum, Paralimni Gymnasium and Deryneia Gymnasium and Lyceum between 20 and 21 December.

These presentations were held within the framework of the Chamber's Educational Activities, aiming to give guidance to high school students, who will be selecting soon their career path, on the various career choices onboard and ashore within the Shipping sector.



02 | COMMITTEES

TAXATION, FINANCE & LEGAL COMMITTEE | 13 DECEMBER

The Committee met to review the “Shipping Limited Liability Company” (SLLC) draft Bill, as circulated by the Shipping Deputy Ministry (SDM). This initiative was led by the Shipping Committee of the Cyprus Bar Association (CBA), and as such, Mr. Michael McBride, Chairman of the CBA Shipping Committee was invited and accepted to participate in order to present the main provisions of the Bill. It was agreed that following a relevant endorsement by the Board of Directors, the Chamber would send a letter to the Acting Permanent Secretary of the SDM, expressing its strong objection to the draft Bill in its current form but at the same time, include a number of preliminary suggestions/proposals towards the improvement of the Bill, as well as a meeting with the SDM and the Chamber to discuss same.

03 | INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS | DECEMBER 2021

The Chamber’s Secretariat and Representatives from its Member-Companies participated in the following virtual and physical meetings during December 2021. Members interested to receive more information on the matters discussed at these meetings, should contact the Secretariat.

1. ICS Vaccinations Task Force, 2, 9,16,23 December
2. ICS Communications Group, 6 December
3. ECSA Ship Finance Working Group, 6,13 December
4. ECSA Ship Finance Working Group - Bankers' & Shipowners' dialogue, 6 December
5. ECSA Shipping Policy Committee Extraordinary Meeting, 17 December
7. ICS Crew Change Task Force, 14 December
8. ECSA Social Affairs Committee, 14 December
9. ECSA EU Maritime Taxonomy, 16 December
12. ICS Coronavirus Strategy and Welfare Group, 23 December



04| REPORTING

CYSEA HELD EXTRAORDINARY & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Cyprus Shipowners Association held an Extraordinary General Meeting followed by its Annual General Meeting, on 6 December 2021, during which its Board Members voted for the dissolution of the Association, in accordance with the provisions of Article 28 of the Articles of Association.

It should be reminded that this decision was taken based on the fact that, the CYSEA as sister-organisation of the Shipping Chamber

was originally set up to deal mainly with the renewal of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Cyprus ships.

Through the recent amendment though the Articles of Association of the Chamber whereby the Chamber will act as the employers' association for the negotiation of the Cyprus CBA it was felt necessary to dissolve CYSEA.

CSC MET WITH THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR



The Shipping Chamber welcomed at its office the French Ambassador, Mrs. Salina Grenet-Catalano on 21 December during which she met with the Chamber's Director General.

The discussion involved various matters with regard to the Shipping sector and its activity in Cyprus and the industry's current developments as well as the further enhancement of the Cyprus - France collaboration on the discussed matters.

05 | MARITIME EDUCATION

The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers - Professional Qualifying Examinations (PQE)

The Professional Qualifying Examinations (PQE) are the entry level requirement for membership with the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers. The mission of the Institute is promoting professionalism in the shipping industry worldwide. Once you pass the examinations you are eligible to apply for membership.

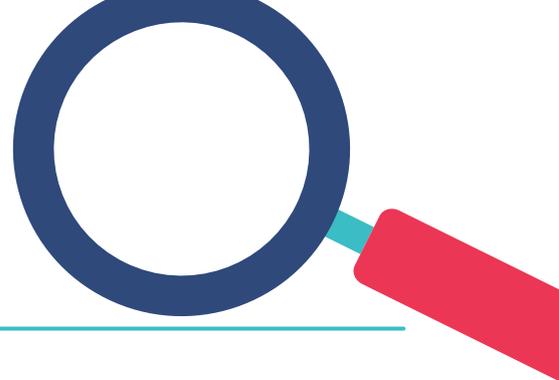
The examinations take place in Limassol each year in May and November as arranged by the Cyprus Branch of the Institute.

Deadline to Request Exceptional Exam Centres for May 2022 Exams:	3 February 2022
November 2021 Exam Results Published:	24 February 2022
Deadline for Post Examination Review for November 2021 Exams:	10 March 2022
Final Deadline for May 2022 Exam Registration:	12 April 2022
Deadline for Deferment, Exam Centre or Subject Changes for May 2022 Exams:	19 April 2022
May 2022 Examination Session:	16 - 26 May 2022
May 2022 Examination Results Published:	11 August 2022

The Member-company employees who are considering sitting the examinations and who may require any advice are urged to make first contact with the Chamber's Marine Officer, Mr. Chrysostomos Efthymiou at the Chamber's Secretariat (Tel 25 360717) or email c.efthymiou@csc-cy.org.

Further information on these matters may be obtained from the Education Officer of the Cyprus Branch, Costas Silitziotis, on 99 464012 or email education.icscy@gmail.com.

06| EMPLOYMENT



CANDIDATES

Mr. Christos Matsoudias

29, Cypriot. Holder of a BSc in Maritime Studies. Previous experience as Payroll Officer and Crew Administrator. Fluent in English and Greek.

Ms. Fotini Michaelidou

38, British/Cypriot. College degree in Tourism and Hotel Management, Diploma in Travel and Tourism and Certificate in Travicom Skytrack Reservation - IATA. Previous experience as Case Manager and HR Manager. Fluent in Greek, and English.

Ms. Vasilía Efstathiou

25, Cypriot. Holder of a Bachelor of Laws with a MA in International Shipping Law and Legal Practice Course. Previous experience as Trainee Lawyer. Fluent in Greek, and English.

Contact us at csc@csc-cy.org to receive any of the above CVs.