



2016 IOPC Funds' Short Course

The Director is pleased to announce that the fifth annual IOPC Funds' Short Course will take place from Monday 27 June to Friday 1 July 2016 in London.

As with the previous courses, the programme will cover all aspects of the work of the IOPC Funds and will include practical exercises involving a theoretical incident and the subsequent claims submission process. The Short Course, which is supported by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO), the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the International Group of P&I Associations, and the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF), will also offer participants the opportunity to understand the relationships and common objectives of all stakeholders which are particularly important in tanker incidents where the 1992 Civil Liability and Fund Conventions operate.

The Short Course has a maximum of ten places. Nominations for participation should come directly from governments of 1992 Fund Member States and should be accompanied by the completed nomination form and the candidate's brief curriculum vitae. Although the Secretariat does not impose any specific background requirements, the Course will clearly be most beneficial to candidates with an in-depth involvement and interest in the practical application of the 1992 Civil Liability and Fund Conventions. It is expected that Member States nominating a candidate will ensure that this is the case. Should the number of nominations received exceed availability, candidates will be selected by the Secretariat, taking into account their profile and a reasonable balance in geographic representation.

With regard to funding arrangements, Short Course participants must be self-funded or supported by their nominating government so as to avoid any budgetary implications for the 1992 Fund.

Short Course participants will be issued with an official invitation to the Course from the IOPC Funds' Secretariat. However the Secretariat regrets that it is unable to help participants with obtaining entry visas to the United Kingdom.

As the Short Course will be delivered exclusively in English, it is expected that participants will be fully conversant with the English language and be able to interact fluently in this language.

The selection process for the Short Course is now open. Nominations should be addressed to the Director of the IOPC Funds and sent via email to info@iopcfunds.org. Please ensure that electronic submissions are appropriately endorsed by the nominating government. Nominations will be acknowledged upon receipt by the Secretariat. The deadline for the receipt of nominations is Friday 15 April 2016 and it is anticipated that a selection decision will be made by early May. The Director encourages all interested parties to submit official nominations as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for the selected candidates to their make travel and accommodation arrangements.

A copy of the course outline (which may be subject to modification) is attached hereto. The [nomination form](#) can be downloaded from www.iopcfunds.org and completed electronically.

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IOPC FUNDS' SHORT COURSE Monday 27 June – Friday 1 July 2016

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Module	Topic
1	Introduction to the international oil pollution compensation regime (i) Historical development and scope of the Civil Liability Convention and Fund Conventions (<i>Torrey Canyon</i> and beyond) (ii) Protocols and changes to the Conventions over time
2	Oil fate, effects and response options and their influence (i) Tankers – design and operational issues (ii) Fate of oil at sea Incidents which have shaped the international compensation regime (i) How to handle a major spill: Hebei Spirit case study (ii) Legal issues – practical considerations
3	P&I regime 3.1 <i>International Group of P&I Associations</i> (i) Role of the International Group of P&I Associations (ii) Reinsurance, Lloyds etc 3.2 <i>London-based International Group P&I Club</i> (i) Introduction to P&I and underwriting (concept of mutuality, Club cover, blue cards, etc) (ii) Role of correspondents (correspondents' network) and owners
4	International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd (ITOPF) – The work of surveyors and experts in the field (i) The role of experts such as ITOPF in the field (ii) Country profiles/national resources and capabilities
5	International Maritime Organization (IMO) (i) Role of IMO in shipping (ii) Other IMO Conventions related to pollution: MARPOL, OPRC, LLMC, Bunkers and HNS Conventions
6	International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) (i) Overview of role and work of ICS and national shipowner associations (ii) ICS perspective on policy issues relating to compensation regime/IOPC Funds' matters
7	International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO) (i) Overview of the role of INTERTANKO (ii) The tanker owners' perspective on pollution prevention
8	The Role of the Secretariat Membership and contributions (i) Historical developments, global oil transport trends (ii) Implementation of the Conventions into national law

	(iii) Oil reporting (iv) Administration of contributions
9	Claims handling and assessment (i) Types of claims (ii) Admissibility and reasonableness (iii) Preparing and presenting a claim
10	Compensation in practice (i) Clean Seas Exercise
11	Discussion and wash-up
