



## **Internships within the IOPC Funds' Secretariat**

The 1992 Fund Secretariat receives, from time to time, requests for internships from both individuals and Member States. In the light of past analysis of such requests and subsequent suggestions by Member States, the Director of the 1992 Fund developed a proposal for an internship programme which was discussed by the 1992 Fund Administrative Council, acting on behalf of the 1992 Fund Assembly, at its October 2010 session.

The Administrative Council decided to endorse the Director's suggestion regarding the content and format of a pilot programme and decided that a maximum of ten candidates should participate in the pilot scheme. The Administrative Council instructed the Secretariat to report the results of the pilot scheme to the 1992 Fund Assembly at a future session in order to assess its success and discuss the potential of opening the programme to other participants.

The 1992 Fund Secretariat is therefore offering a one-week pilot internship programme to be held from 21-25 November 2011, giving ten candidates nominated from within Member States the opportunity to participate in the programme and to assess the internship modules, after which participation in the programme may be opened to a wider audience in the future.

Nominations for participation in the internship programme should come from governments of 1992 Fund Member States and should be accompanied by the candidate's brief curriculum vitae and a letter of interest. Although the Secretariat does not impose any specific background requirements, the programme 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 make sure that this is the case. Should the number of nominations received exceed availability, candidates will be selected by the Secretariat, taking into account a reasonable balance in geographic representation.

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

The 1992 Fund Secretariat regrets that it is unable to help successful candidates with obtaining entry visas to the United Kingdom. Successful applicants will, however, be issued with an official invitation to participate in the programme from the IOPC Funds' Secretariat which may assist in obtaining a visa.

As the pilot programme will be given exclusively in English, it is expected that candidates will be fully conversant with the English language and be able to interact fluently in this language.

The deadline for the receipt of nominations, which should be addressed to the Director of the IOPC Funds, is Friday 26 August 2011 and it is anticipated that a selection decision will be made by mid-September.

A copy of the programme outline (which may be subject to modification) is attached hereto. One day of the programme will be dedicated to outside visits.

ANNEX

**PROGRAMME OUTLINE**

	Module	Topic	
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction to the international oil pollution compensation regime</b>	
		(i) The 'polluter pays' principle in history and as applied to shipping	
		(ii) Historical development and scope of the Civil Liability Convention (CLC) and Fund Conventions ( <i>Torrey Canyon</i> and beyond)	
		(iii) Protocols and changes to the Conventions over time	
		(iv) The role of the Secretariat	
		(v) The system in practice ( <b>Exercises:</b> Scope of CLC and Fund, legal framework, liability and compensation limits)	
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Oil fate, effects and response options and their influence</b>	
		(i) Sources and causes of oil pollution (the bigger picture and non ship-source spills)	
		(ii) Environmental and economic effects of oil pollution	
		(1) Fate of oil at sea	
		(2) Impacts on marine and coastal resources and claims arising from pollution incidents	
		(iii) Response to oil spills	
		(1) Historical IOPC Funds' incidents (case examples)	
		(2) Notification and monitoring, local responsibilities, players and interactions	
		<b>3</b>	<b>Membership and contributions</b>
		(i) Historical developments, global oil transport trends	
		(ii) Administration of contributions	
		(1) Timetable of events (contributors' letters, 'cash calls', reporting etc)	
		(2) Calculations of levies, interest payments	
	(3) Information requirements, forms, web-based reporting		
	(4) <b>Exercises:</b> Contribution calculations		
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>International Maritime Organization</b>	
		International context/complementary Conventions: MARPOL, OPRC, LLMC, Bunkers and HNS Conventions	
	<b>5</b>	<b>International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO)</b>	
		The tanker owners' perspective	
	<b>6</b>	<b>P&amp;I Clubs (including visit to a London-based P&amp;I Club)</b>	
		(i) Introduction to P&I and underwriting (concept of mutuality, Club cover, blue cards...)	
		(ii) Liability limits	
		(iii) Role of the International Group of P&I Clubs	
		(iv) Reinsurance, Lloyds etc	
	(v) Role of correspondents (correspondents' network), owners, salvors		

	<b>7</b>	<b>The work of surveyors and experts in the field</b>
	(i)	International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd (ITOPF)
	(1)	ITOPF's role in the field
	(2)	Country profiles/National resources and capabilities
	(3)	Use of electronic data for planning and response
<b>Days 4 &amp; 5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Claims handling and assessment</b>
	(i)	Scope of the Conventions and types of claim
	(ii)	Admissibility and reasonableness:
	(1)	Proof of loss - record keeping and supporting documentation
	(2)	Claims for preventive measures
	(3)	<b>Exercise:</b> Reasonableness (response exercise)
	(4)	Property damage and economic loss claims
	(a)	Claims in the fisheries and mariculture sectors
	(b)	Claims in the tourism sector
	(5)	Claims for environmental damage and oil removal from wrecks
	(6)	<b>Exercise:</b> Link of causality and other tests
	(iii)	Claims handling and assessment
	(1)	Preparing and presenting a claim
	(a)	Record keeping and supporting documentation
	(b)	Important considerations (time-bar, legal advice and court proceedings etc)
	(2)	Stages of the assessment process (field and office based components etc)
	(3)	Local experts and joint claims offices
	(4)	<b>Exercise:</b> Preparing a claim
	(iv)	Use of experts in the field and during claims assessment <b>(Exercise: Assessing a claim)</b>
	(v)	Compensation in practice: Q&A on specific queries and settlement procedures
		Discussion and wash-up