



International Oil Pollution
Compensation Funds

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2020 IOPC Funds' Short Course

The Director has the pleasure to announce that the 10th annual IOPC Funds' Short Course will take place from **Monday, 8 June to Friday, 12 June 2020** in London.

The week-long 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 Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the International Group of P&I Associations and 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 2020 Short Course is now open for applications. Although candidates do not need to meet any specific requirements, the Course will be most beneficial to those 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. In addition, as the Short Course will be delivered exclusively in English, it is expected that participants are fully conversant in English.

Those interested in applying should be nominated directly by governments of 1992 Fund Member States and need to submit a completed nomination form and a brief curriculum vitae to externalrelations@iopcfunds.org, by **Monday, 6 April 2020**. Nominations should be addressed to the Director of the IOPC Funds.

It is encouraged that all interested parties submit nominations as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for selected candidates to make their travel and accommodation arrangements.

Please note that the Short Course has a limited number of places. Should the number of nominations received exceed availability, places may be restricted to one per Member State, or the Secretariat may select candidates by taking into account their profile and a reasonable balance in geographic representation.

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. Furthermore, participants must be self-funded or supported by their nominating government so as to avoid any budgetary implications for the 1992 Fund.

A copy of the provisional course outline can be found overleaf. Further information can be found at: <http://www.iopcfunds.org/about-us/what-we-do/external-relations>.

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IOPC FUNDS' SHORT COURSE 2020

Course programme

Monday, 8 June – Friday, 12 June 2020

Module	Topics
1 Introduction to the international oil pollution liability and compensation regime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical development and scope of the Civil Liability and Fund Conventions (<i>Torrey Canyon</i> and beyond) • Protocols and changes to the Conventions over time
2.1 Oil fate, effects and response options and their influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tankers — design and operational issues • Fate of oil at sea
2.2 Incidents which have shaped the international liability and compensation regime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to handle a major spill: Hebei Spirit case study • Legal issues — practical considerations
3.1 P&I regime – International Group of P&I Associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the International Group of P&I Associations • Reinsurance, Lloyds etc.
3.2 P&I regime – London-based International Group P&I Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to P&I and underwriting (concept of mutuality, Club cover, blue cards, etc.)
4 ITOPF — The work of surveyors and experts in the field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of experts such as ITOPF in the field • Country profiles/national resources and capabilities
5 International Maritime Organization (IMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of IMO in shipping • Other IMO Conventions related to pollution: MARPOL, OPRC, LLMC, Bunkers and HNS Conventions
6 International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of role and work of ICS and national shipowner associations • ICS perspective on policy issues relating to the compensation regime/IOPC Funds' matters
7.1 The Role of the IOPC Funds' Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical developments, global oil transport trends • Implementation of the Conventions into national law
7.2 Membership and contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil reporting • Administration of contributions
8 Claims handling and assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of claims • Admissibility and reasonableness • Preparing and presenting a claim
9 Compensation in practice	Clean Seas exercise
10 Discussion and wash-up	

Please note that this programme may be subject to modification.

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Fonds internationaux
d'indemnisation pour les
dommages dus à la pollution
par les hydrocarbures

Fondos internacionales
de indemnización de daños
debidos a contaminación por
hidrocarburos

2020 IOPC FUNDS' SHORT COURSE NOMINATION FORM

Candidate details

Last name:	First name:	Title:
Job title:	Organisation:	
Contact address:	Post code:	
	City:	
	State:	
	Country:	
E-mail:	Telephone (including country code):	
Briefly outline the reasons why the candidate is interested in participating in this course and how the candidate will benefit from this course:		

1992 Fund Member State — contact focal point

1992 Fund Member State:		
<i>We will use this contact as the primary point of contact for all communications regarding this nomination.</i>		
Last name:	First name:	Title:
Job title:	Organisation:	
Address:	Post code:	
	City:	
	State:	
	Country:	
E-mail:	Telephone (including country code):	

Nomination information

Nominations should be addressed to the Director of the IOPC Funds and sent via e-mail to externalrelations@iopcfunds.org. Please ensure that all of the following documents are provided in the nomination:

- Completed nomination form
- Official government nomination
- Candidate's curriculum vitae

The application process for the Short Course is now open. Nominations will be acknowledged upon receipt by the Secretariat and it is anticipated that a selection decision will be made by early May. Candidates will be informed as soon as possible thereafter whether or not they have been accepted onto the Course. Please note that nominations received after **Monday, 6 April 2020** will not be taken into consideration.

If you have any questions please contact the External Relations and Conference Department (externalrelations@iopcfunds.org).
