



International Oil Pollution
Compensation Funds

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2025 IOPC Funds Annual Academy

The Director has the pleasure to announce that the annual IOPC Funds Annual Academy will take place from **Monday, 9 June to Friday, 13 June 2025** at the IOPC Funds headquarters 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 Annual Academy, which is supported by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the International Group of P&I Associations, INTERTANKO and ITOPF, will also offer participants the opportunity to understand the relationships and common objectives of those stakeholders which are particularly important in tanker incidents where the 1992 Civil Liability and Fund Conventions apply.

Those interested in applying to the Academy are encouraged to read through the section on applicant eligibility and criteria below and apply using the [online application form](#), which can be accessed within the [External Relations page](#) of the website. A copy of the provisional programme outline can be found below.

Candidate eligibility and criteria

- The Academy is open to representatives of **1992 Fund Member States only**. A list of Member States can be found on the [Membership page](#) of the website.
- All applications to attend the course must be accompanied by a formal nomination from a government representative.
- The programme will 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.
- As the programme will be delivered exclusively in English, it is expected that participants are fully conversant in English.
- The Academy is free of charge for the participants, however, any costs incurred must be self-funded or supported by the nominating government.

Accepted candidates will be issued with an official invitation to the Academy from the IOPC Funds Secretariat, however, the Secretariat regrets that it is unable to help participants with obtaining entry visas to the United Kingdom.

All interested parties are encouraged to apply with a supporting nomination letter as soon as possible, as there are a limited number of places available. Generally, places are allocated on a first come, first served basis and are restricted to one place per Member State. Should the number of nominations received exceed availability, the Secretariat may select candidates by considering their profile and a reasonable balance of geographic representation.

How to apply

Candidates should submit their nomination via the [online application form](#) within the [External Relations page](#) of the website by **Friday, 2 May 2025**. You will be requested to:

- complete the online application form;
- upload a nomination letter by the nominating government addressed to the Director of the IOPC Funds, which should briefly outline the reasons why the candidate is interested in the Academy and how the candidate will benefit from participating; and
- upload a brief curriculum vitae no longer than two pages.

You will not be able to submit the application form without the required accompanying documents.

Provisional programme

Module	Topics
Introduction to the international oil pollution liability and compensation regime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical development and scope of the 1992 Civil Liability and Fund Conventions (<i>Torrey Canyon</i> and beyond) • Protocols and changes to the Conventions over time • Legal issues — practical considerations
Claims handling and assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of claims admissible under Civil Liability and 1992 Fund Conventions • Preparation and presentation of claims, including required documentation • Procedures for claims assessments
Compensation in practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabletop exercise
Role of the IOPC Funds Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of the Secretariat and the rules which govern operations • Tools and information services available to Member States for use in daily work with the IOPC Funds
Membership and contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil reporting and administration of contributions
The Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the 2010 HNS Convention • HNS reporting system
International Group of P&I Associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the International Group of P&I Associations • Reinsurance, Lloyds, etc. • Introduction to P&I and underwriting (concept of mutuality, Club cover, blue cards, etc.)
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
International Maritime Organization (IMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General presentation of IMO • The role of IMO in shipping and other IMO Conventions related to pollution: MARPOL, OPRC, LLMC, Bunkers and HNS Conventions

International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of the role and work of ICS and national shipowner associations. The ICS perspective on policy issues relating to the compensation regime/IOPC Funds' matters
INTERTANKO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of the role of INTERTANKO• The tanker owners' perspective on pollution prevention
