



International Oil Pollution
Compensation Funds

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2022 IOPC Funds Short Course

The Director has the pleasure to announce that the annual IOPC Funds Short Course will take place from **Monday, 27 June to Friday, 1 July 2022** 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 Short Course, which is supported by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the International Group of P&I Associations, INTERTANKO and ITOPE, 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 course are encouraged to read through the section on applicant eligibility and criteria below and apply using the attached nomination form. A copy of the provisional course outline can be found overleaf and further information about the course can be found online:

<http://www.iopcfunds.org/about-us/what-we-do/external-relations>.

Candidate eligibility and criteria

- Candidates should be nominated directly by governments of 1992 Fund Member States. A list of Member States can be found on the Membership page of the website: www.iopcfunds.org/about-us/membership/
- The course 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 course will be delivered exclusively in English, it is expected that participants are fully conversant in English.
- This course 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 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.

All interested parties are encouraged to submit nominations as soon as possible, as there are a limited number of places available. Generally, places are given 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 must submit the following documents to externalrelations@iopcfunds.org, by **Friday, 20 May 2022**:

- a nomination letter by the nominating government addressed to the Director of the IOPC Funds;
- a completed nomination form which can be found attached to this circular; and
- a brief curriculum vitae no longer than two pages.

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
Incidents which have shaped the international liability and compensation regime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to handle a major spill: <i>Hebei Spirit</i> case study • Legal issues — practical considerations
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"> • 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 role and work of ICS and national shipowner associations. 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
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
Claims handling and assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of claims, admissibility and reasonableness and preparing and presenting a claim
Compensation in practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Seas exercise

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):	

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



1. This completed nomination form
2. Official government nomination
3. Candidate's curriculum vitae (no longer than two pages)

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