GLOBAL MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides a summary of activities undertaken in 2011 by the World Maritime University, the IMO International Maritime Law Institute and the International Maritime Safety, Security and Environment Academy

Strategic direction: 3

High-level action: 3.1.3

Planned output: 3.1.3.1

Action to be taken: Paragraph 34

Related documents: C 108/12(a), C 108/12(b), C 108/12(c), C 108/12(d), C 108/13(a), C 108/13(b) and C 108/13(c)

1 In consonance with the Council's decision, taken at its 104th session, that meeting documents should be streamlined and concise, this document synthesizes the main activities undertaken in 2010 by the following global maritime training institutions: the World Maritime University (WMU), the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) and the International Maritime Safety, Security and Environment Academy (IMSSEA).

World Maritime University, Malmö (Sweden)

Strategic and academic developments

2 The University management continued to develop its strategic management instruments, which received the Board of Governors' approval in June 2011. The documents included a revised Strategic Vision Plan, a new Development Plan and a new Business Plan articulating a new business model for the University. The latter is designed to drive its core operational units towards profitability, helping to secure WMU's long-term financial security; it also ensures financial transparency, with revenue and costs clearly attributable to areas of activity.

3 In a further adjustment to the University's governance and management structures, the Board of Governors approved a reduction in the number of vice-presidents from four to two: Vice-President (Academic) and Vice-President (International). Professor Neil Bellefontaine and Professor Shuo Ma were appointed to the posts, Professor Bellefontaine in an acting
capacity. The newly established position of Vice-President (International) is designed to strengthen the University’s outreach programmes and research and consultancy activities; in July, the Shanghai Office was officially opened and was upgraded to the WMU Shanghai Center at the end of 2011.

4 Comprehensive details of the University’s operations in 2011 are available under Council documents C 108/12(a), C 108/12(b), with a report on financial sustainability under C 108/12(c).

WMU premises

5 In 2010, the City of Malmö agreed to provide the University with new premises, to replace the former Nautical Institute building which has been home to WMU since its inception. The University will move to Tornhuset, an important Malmö landmark building, dating from 1910, designed by the well-known Swedish architect Harald Boklund, which was originally the headquarters of the Malmö Harbour Administration. The new wing is an avant-garde building with a metal facade, cracked non-square surfaces with multiple windows, and will be fully integrated with the historic Tornhuset to create a modern university building complex.

Student enrolment

6 From an operational perspective, the streamlined MSc programme proved cost-effective for the University, donors and sponsors alike, while the benefits accrued by the students themselves resulted in an increased intake at the Malmö campus in 2011. Enrolments in 2011 stood as follows:

- MSc Programme, Malmö campus: 104
- MSc Programme, Shanghai campus: 30
- MSc Programme, Dalian campus: 34
- Distance learning: 29
- Joint WMU/Lund University LL.M. programme: 21

7 The proportion of MSc students (Malmö campus) who are funded by their employer, government, or from personal resources is a solid indicator of the University’s financial health: significantly, that ratio reached 50 per cent for the 2011 intake (as an indicator of the trend, the proportion for previous years was 41% in 2010, 38% in 2009, 16% in 2008, and 15% in 2007). All the students enrolled in the programmes taught in Dalian and Shanghai and the distance-learning programme are fully funded, either by companies, governments or by the students themselves.

8 The administration of the research function within the University was strengthened during the year in question, with a view to streamlining its management and coordinating the Ph.D. programme with other WMU activities. In addition, the structure of the Ph.D. programme was revised in 2011, making it more flexible and aligning it with the common European system. The Ph.D. programme was marketed much more widely in 2011, with a significant section in the Academic Handbook for 2012 entry, a new dedicated leaflet, an improved section on the website and listing on recruitment portals.

9 As a result of the increased responsiveness of the programme to the needs of candidates and industry and the enhanced publicity, the Ph.D. programme has started to grow significantly. Eight students have graduated to date, four of them in 2011, and a further three enrolled in 2011.
WMU continued to offer a range of short-term, non-degree Professional Development Courses (PDCs), in Malmö and at other destinations convenient to the client. In 2011, 85 students enrolled in PDCs, raising a modest income for the University.

Research

The University's ongoing EU-funded research projects were supplemented by three new projects: (i) pro-green ship operation project; (ii) feasibility study on the establishment of an Accreditation Scheme (ACCREDIMET), both funded by the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU); and (iii) a European Maritime Policy project which is financed by the Japan Maritime Center.

Under the funding provided by these, and the EU-funded projects won in 2010, the University was able to substantially increase its dedicated research staff. Five Research Associates and one Research Assistant were employed in 2011, creating a robust and successful research cluster that contributes to the recognition of WMU and builds the University's reputation as a centre of academic excellence.

The publication of the WMU Journal of Maritime Affairs was outsourced to Springer Verlag from May 2011, after 10 years of in-house publication. This publishing agreement has provided the conditions for the Journal to expand its global impact by making it more attractive to authors; the electronic version of the Journal will include at least four open-access articles per issue, which will increase citations. Two WMU professors continue to co-edit the Journal and are responsible for the intellectual content.

Conferences

The University, with IMO as co-host, organized two successful international conferences in 2011. The Oil Spill Risk Management Conference was held in Malmö in March, attracting 360 participants. The keynote speakers were Carl-Henric Svanberg, Chairman of BP; Admiral Thad Allan, US Coast Guard (ret.); and Claes Isacson, CEO of Gard AS and Chairman of the International Group of P&I Clubs. More than 40 experts gave presentations and contributed to three panel discussions.

This was followed in October by the International Conference on Piracy at Sea (ICOPAS 2011), which provided one of WMU's contributions to the theme of this year's International Maritime Day. ICOPAS provided wide international coverage with 410 participants representing more than 70 countries; keynote speakers included the then IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos; BIMCO Secretary-General, Mr. Torben Skaanild; and NATO Deputy Director, Mr. Richard Froh.

Financing

The significant efforts made by the University management in 2010 to reduce costs and increase revenue bore fruit from the beginning of 2011, contributing to the University's more robust financial position throughout the year.

In addition, the process undertaken by an IMO Council Correspondence Group to consider methods of achieving sustainable funding for WMU culminated in a proposal, by the Secretary-General, that 5 per cent of the "not less than 80% of the Trading Fund in-year surplus" allocated to the Technical Co-operation Fund be ring-fenced to support the WMU finances. At its twenty-seventh session, in November 2011, the Assembly approved that proposal until such time as the Council recommends other measures for the
sustainable funding of the University. The IMO contribution under this decision is estimated to reach €225,000 for 2012.

18 A total of 52 new fellowships for the Malmö MSc programme were given by donors in 2011, as compared with 60 in 2010 and 47 in 2009. It may be noted that all students are funded by either external donors, a sponsor, or, in the case of 16 students, from personal resources. IMO provided five fellowship awards in 2011 under its Programme for Capacity Building and Training.

19 A campaign was launched in November 2011 to raise funding to equip the new premises. The WMU Building Campaign 2013 is primarily seeking major endowments to fund the new facilities, such as a 250 to 300-seat main auditorium, a maritime eLibrary and research laboratories. Large endowments will offer the benefactors the opportunity to name the endowed facility to commemorate their generosity.

20 Mindful of the generosity of the donor support to the University, the Organization wishes to reiterate its gratitude to the Government of Sweden and the City of Malmö for their unstinting support to the University. Special appreciation is due to budgetary donors, including the Nippon Foundation; the Government of Canada; and Inmarsat Global Ltd., and to established fellowship donors, including the Ocean Policy Research Foundation of Japan; the Governments of Germany, the Republic of Korea and of the United Kingdom; the American Bureau of Shipping; the European Union’s SAFEMED project; the International Transport Workers’ Federation; the Swedish Trust Fund; the TK Foundation; and the World Nuclear Transport Institute, as well as to new donors in 2011: BP Shipping and Gard AS. In addition, the Organization wishes to thank the other donor governments and organizations which provide contributions to the operational budget, student fellowships, visiting professors, and field study opportunities. In addition, the University has received generous donations and pledges towards the new University building.

IMO International Maritime Law Institute

Strategic and academic developments

21 The Institute maintained its platform for advanced specialized training through programmes leading to the awards, variously, of Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree in International Maritime Law; Magister Juris (M.Jur.) Degree in International Maritime Law; Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree in International Maritime Law; and an Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law, amongst others. In addition, it also offered short courses in all areas related to its syllabus. Comprehensive details of the Institute’s operations during the second semester of the academic year 2010/2011 and the first semester of the 2011/2012 academic year are available under Council documents C 108/13(a) and C 108/13(b).

22 The global maritime community continues to be served through the Institute’s graduate body which currently totals 594 students from 123 States and territories worldwide, of which 530 are graduates from its LL.M. programme.

23 Two issues of the IMLI News were published during 2011. In March 2011, the 27th issue featured in particular an interview of Mr. Kofi Mbiah (Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee). The 28th issue (issued December 2011), featured the speech delivered by Mr. Ethiminos E. Mitropoulos in his capacity as the then IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board during the Institute’s 22nd annual Graduation Ceremony. Other articles covered the IMLI “Award for Meritorious Contribution towards the Progressive Development and Codification of International Maritime Law”, bestowed on
Enrolment

24 During the academic year 2010/2011, 31 students were enrolled in the LL.M. programme, four students in the Advanced Diploma programme, one student in the Research Degree programme, four students in the Ph.D. programme and there was one short course participant, all of whom were fully funded.

25 The 2010/2011 academic year attracted 23 fellowships, of which 11 were awarded to female students. A total of 31 graduates were awarded the Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law in May 2011, after passing examinations on Shipping Law and the Law of the Sea and successfully completing the requisite dissertation and a maritime legislation drafting project aimed at incorporating an international convention into their countries' domestic legislation.

26 In addition, one Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Maritime Law and one Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law were awarded.

27 During the academic year 2011/2012, which terminates in August 2012, the student intake comprised a record 38 LL.M. students from 29 States, which for the first time included Bolivia, Syria and the United Kingdom. Donors funded a total of 24 students, including 12 female students. In addition to the LL.M students, one student enrolled in the Research Degree programme with a further four in the Ph.D. programme and in the Advanced Diploma programme, respectively. During the academic year in question, one student completed the short course on "Introduction to Public International Law and the Law of International Institutions", and a further three students are expected to complete the short courses on "Enforcement of Maritime Claims", "International Maritime Security Law" and "The law on Marine Collisions", respectively, before the end of August 2012.

Financing

28 The Institute achieved significant progress in attracting funding from a core group of countries and organizations in support of fellowships and operational costs during the period under review. Under its Global Programme for Capacity Building and Training, IMO provided six full and one partial scholarship for the academic year 2010/11 and eight full and one partial scholarship for 2011/2012.

29 The Organization wishes to express its appreciation to the Institute's donors for their commitment and their continuing financial support to the Institute. In this regard, special thanks are due to The Nippon Foundation of Japan; the Government of Malta; the Government of Switzerland; the Comité Maritime International (CMI) Charitable Trust; the EU-funded "Euromed Co-operation on Maritime Safety and Prevention of Pollution from Ships – SAFEMED II", which is administered by the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC); the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) "GEF-WIO Marine Highway Development and Coastal and Marine Contamination Prevention Project"; Lloyd's Register Educational Trust (the LRET); Neptune Orient Lines (Singapore); the Sea Pine Tree Foundation (Republic of Korea); and Transport Malta.
International Maritime Safety, Security and Environment Academy, Genoa (Italy)

30 The Academy delivered the following four training courses, to which IMO provided 22 fellowship awards to 16 developing countries under its Programme for Capacity Building and Training:

.1 Marine accident investigation (4 to 15 April 2011);
.2 Port State control (9 to 20 May 2011);
.3 Ballast water management and dangerous goods (6 to 21 June 2011); and
.4 Implementation of chapter X1/2 of SOLAS Convention and the ISPS Code by flag and port States (1 to 8 November 2011).

31 A total of 139 nationals from 53 developing countries have now received training under the specialized short courses imparted at the Academy, since November 2008, to strengthen national maritime administrations from the developing regions.

32 The IMSSEA 2012 programme of upgrading courses for maritime administrators includes the management and operation of search and rescue systems (9 to 18 May); the implementation of SOLAS chapter XI/2 and the ISPS Code (11 to 18 June); and familiarization and implementation of the STCW 2010 Convention (2 to 6 July). Comprehensive details on the courses are available in IMO Circular letter No.3247 to all Member States.

33 The Organization wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Province of Genoa for establishing and supporting the Academy.

Action requested of the Committee

34 The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and comment, as appropriate.