

Joint ISSC/ISSM Virtual Excursion “International Maritime Organization(s)”

Winter 2020/2021

For the winter semester 2020/2021, the elective module "International Maritime Organization(s)" was again on the lecture schedule for students of the bachelor programs International Studies in Shipping & Chatering (ISSC)¹ and International Studies in Ship Management (ISSM)². Due to the Corona crisis and the travel and contact restrictions associated with it, the question arose as to whether and, if so, how this excursion, which has been offered at least once a year since the beginning of the 2000s, could be realised.

In order to give interested students the opportunity to gain insight into the goals and work of the IMO as well as the role of intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations in the work of the IMO, the usual one-week stay in London was replaced by two 90-minute virtual visits on each Friday of this terms 14 lecture weeks.

Thus, in addition to the IMO, the IHO and the following non-governmental organisations could be "visited": CIRM, FONASBA, IACS, IALA, IAMU, IAPH, ICMA, IFSMA, IG P&I, IHMA, IMHA, IMPA, InterManager, INTERTANKO, IPIECA, ITF, IUMI, SIGTTO and WISTA International.

During these 90- to 180-minute interactive virtual visits via the Zoom platform provided by HSB - City University of Applied Sciences, the students were able to gain an insight into the work of the IMO, the interests of the IGOs and NGOs visited as well as current challenges in the maritime industry.

We are very grateful to all host organizations and would like to wholeheartedly thank the representatives of the organisations visited during this virtual excursion for providing interesting insights into the goals, working methods and current challenges of the organisations they represent and for their willingness to make their valuable time available to us.

¹ Qualifying for the shore end of the maritime industry the study program ISSC combines relevant commercial, legal and technical modules. Graduates typically join shipping companies, maritime legal companies, marine insurance companies, ...

² Following the STCW requirements on both the operational and the management level graduates of the study program ISSM are granted by the German Maritime Authority immediately after their graduation a certificate of competency for officers in charge of a navigational watch on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more. After they have obtained the relevant seagoing experience they receive the management level certificate of competency.