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## The WMU appeal

“ Earlier this year we were privileged to visit the World Maritime University at Malmo and we reported fully on this remarkable establishment in our June 1989 issue. We say ‘remarkable’ for what other establishment could achieve such success in so short a time, particularly on a truly international level. On World Maritime Day (21 September), Mr C P Sivastava, Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization, launched an appeal on behalf of the University.

The University has received tremendous support from many governments, national and international organizations, shipping interests and individuals worldwide. Whilst it is financially sound now and in the short term, there is no guarantee that this will be so in the years to come. For instance, Germany sponsors 15 Fellowships but this is dependent on the Bundestag approving this each year. The provision of Fellowships, however, is only one way of supporting the University; there are many others. The aim of the appeal is to give the establishment financial stability for the future and, to help achieve this, all donations are welcome, whether it be a small amount to the capital fund or the provision of Fellowships.

We have no doubt that the marine industry as a whole is already benefiting from the World Maritime University even though it has only been established for a relatively short time. The benefits for the future will be even greater as more graduates take up positions in the industry from which they are able to implement global standards. We sincerely hope that this appeal receives the support it deserves. ”