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Message from the Chancellor

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It is with the greatest pleasure that I welcome the first issue of the WMU Newsletter.

When the University was founded it was always the intention that it should be more than an educational institution. The IMO Assembly, the Board of Governors and all those associated with the University believed that one of its greatest values would be in building up a world-wide network of graduates, all dedicated to the ideals of “safer shipping and cleaner oceans” and united by bonds of shared experiences and friendship.

To keep those links fresh and strong it is essential that the graduates should be kept informed of what is happening at WMU, and to their former colleagues all over the world.

To IMO and all those who share its ideals the students and graduates of the World Maritime University are crucial. “They fully understand the importance of international action in promoting maritime safety and the prevention of pollution from ships.”

Thanks to the education they have received at Malmö they know how those standards should be implemented. In brief, they are fully dedicated to the attainment of the Organization’s objectives.

The Newsletter will help graduates all over the world to keep in touch with developments at Malmö and with each other. It will provide information for all those who are interested in the University and wish to follow its development. I shall read it with the greatest possible interest — and would like to extend to all those involved in its production my congratulations and warmest thanks. I wish it continuing success in the future.

The World Maritime University takes pleasure in distributing the first WMU Newsletter to interested parties and to Alumni in particular. During 1987 we hope to find a suitable and interesting form for this newsletter and we expect to distribute at least one and possibly two more issues this year.

During the fourth meeting of the Board of Governors it was: “urged that every effort should be made to support and strengthen the University Alumni Association. It also recommended that consideration be given to publishing a separate WMU Newsletter to provide information about the graduates and to promote the interests of the University.”

And this is the first official WMU Newsletter. But it is not the first newsletter with a WMU connection because already in August 1986 Mr. Federico Hatzenbühler, Regional Coordinator for the Latin America and Caribbean Region of the Alumni Association, circulated an interesting newsletter in which he also stated that it had been agreed within that region to issue a biannual newsletter with the objective of “establishing an information channel which should help to maintain all Alumni updated on activities of interest to all of us”.

This quotation could very well be used also for this WMU Newsletter but I think I would also like to add that one further objective is to stimulate recipients in general and Alumni in particular to respond by contributing from their own experiences with the dual purpose of suggesting how WMU could be further promoted and strengthened and by giving examples of the usefulness of the time spent in Malmö for the further careers of Alumni.

Our Chancellor Mr. C. P. Srivastava presided over another successful graduation on 9 December 1986 when a further 71 students graduated after two years of study. Other prominent persons were present including a Swedish Government Minister Mrs. Lena Hjelm-Wallén and also the Minister of National Transport and Public Utilities from Trinidad and Tobago, Doctor Cuthbert Joseph. Our Chancellor mentioned in particular in his speech that graduates from the University had attended the Fourteenth Regular Session of the IMO Assembly as members of the delegation of their countries and Mr. Srivastava added: “By the high quality, balance and wisdom of their statements, they created an excellent impression on all participants.”

You will find information on the new class which entered in 1987 on page 2.

As I mentioned before, this is the first Newsletter and 1987 will be a trial period. Your suggestions for the contents and the form of a newsletter are therefore particularly welcome at this early stage and I also hope that many of you will be sending contributions for future issues.

And do remember, please keep in touch with your University because your studies in Malmö represent the beginning of a lasting relationship.
The Board of Governors decided at its fourth session in 1986 to establish a target intake of 100 students in 1987 and forthcoming years. The response to the invitation to submit nominations was excellent and the University reached its target in admitting in 1987 the largest class yet to be enrolled.

89 countries represented

The total number of countries who have sent students to WMU now reaches 89, with the inclusion for the first time of students from Brazil, Democratic Yemen, Guinea-Bissau, the Libyan Arab Jamahirya, Turkey and Yugoslavia. Additionally, in line with a Board of Governors decision from the second session to admit up to 10 per cent of the total student body from developed countries, students were enrolled from Canada, Spain and Sweden.

Course enrolment

Greater interest has been shown this year in technical courses. The urgent need to train more maritime educators has been recognized by some increase in the number of students in the maritime education and training courses. It is hoped that in future years Governments will give priority to building up the strength of national and regional maritime training institutions by enrolling their personnel in the education courses. Course group breakdown in the new class is: GMA-1 24; GMA-2 16; MSA(N) 16; MSA(E) 14; MET(N) 11; MET(E) 6; TMS 15.

Financing and future planning

The securing of fellowship financing to permit all eligible candidates to enter WMU remains a high priority. The importance of forward planning of maritime training needs cannot be over-emphasized. Therefore Governments are urged to formulate five-year plans so that a steady stream of personnel, most appropriately selected to meet the needs of their countries, can be sent to WMU. Such forward planning can be used as the basis for early action in securing fellowship financing to meet those needs.

In recognition of the importance to the maritime sector of well-trained personnel, Governments are urged wherever possible.
Over 50% of the 88s attend English

The Intensive English Language Programme (IELP) for the class of 1988 began in the first week of November 86 with 28 students in attendance. In the New Year this figure increased dramatically and finally 54 students were undergoing English studies. This comparatively large figure is an indication of the seriousness with which countries and candidates alike are regarding proficiency in the English language as a prerequisite to success in the two-year post graduate courses of study.

The IELP this year comprises a weekly total of 32 times 45 minutes of classroom study, supplemented with self studies, in such areas as English grammar, writing skills, English for maritime studies, English for special purposes and language laboratory. Students are assessed on arrival and examined during and on completion of the course. Additional activities include introductions to the courses of study, word processing, presentation on the library, and weekly excursions to local places of interest.

This year apart from the regular crew of Inger Battista, Clive Cole and Alison Howe, the staff of the IELP was assisted until the end of the programme on 13 March by Colin Moon, who returned for the third time, by Joanna Collins from the Central School of English in London, United Kingdom, Barbara Katarzynska from the Merchant Marine Academy in Gdynia, Poland and Josip Luzer from the Faculty of Maritime and Transportation Studies, University of Rijeka, Yugoslavia.

Library grows in size and service

Several significant developments took place this past year which greatly improve the level and quality of service to faculty and students.

One dramatic improvement was the creation of a card catalogue index to the collection made possible through WMU’s participation in an international network of over 6,000 libraries with a combined collection of over 14.5 million documents and publications. The creation of the card index — a year long effort — makes it possible for students to determine accurately and quickly if the library possesses specific publications or documents and thereby reduces the time it takes to locate information.

Another significant development is the library’s participation in the British Library Lending Division’s (BLLD) document delivery service. BLLD, the world’s largest library devoted to document delivery, provides WMU with the ability to obtain documents and photocopies of articles otherwise unobtainable or too time consuming to acquire.

Meanwhile the library increased in size to over 3,195 volumes — more than reaching the half-way point in shelving capacity and the recommended minimum size goal established at the time the library began. At the same time, use of the library increased considerably reflecting both the University’s emphasis on academic excellence, and student determination to make the most of their opportunity while in Malmö.

What of the future? The promise of additional funding guarantees continued expansion and improvement in library service. Plans are underway to offer computer-based research assistance, and already the library provides basic orientation and service. Plans are underway to increase in size to over 3,195 volumes — more than reaching the half-way point in shelving capacity and the recommended minimum size goal established at the time the library began. At the same time, use of the library increased considerably reflecting both the University’s emphasis on academic excellence, and student determination to make the most of their opportunity while in Malmö.

ALUMNI NOTES

GENERAL

Responses to the circular letters (latest sent during July/August 1986 and March 1987) are coming in, although the picture is not yet complete.

If you are among the alumni who did respond, I can assure you that the information was processed and passed on, if necessary.

If you are in the other group, please send us a sign of life. People concerned with WMU are interested in the way you get along.

REGIONAL

Federico Hatzenbuehler, MET(N)-85, launched a NEWSLETTER for the Latin-America and Caribbean region, where he is the region-coordinator. I think congratulations are quite appropriate, not only for Federico, but also for the region. To be the first part of our world, i.e. alumni-wise, with a formal means of communication, is a real achievement.

Who will or has already become a follower?

IN SIGHT

Alumni met by University-staff. During the past year a number of conferences, workshops, seminars and meetings were held and proved to be situations where alumni and members of the staff could meet again.

The list, with preliminary apologies for being incomplete, comprises:

Copenhagen, Denmark
Serafin Silvelra Pinheiro, GMA-IN *) Portugal
Mariehamn, Aland Islands
Louene Lahyani, MET(N)-85 *) Algeria
Mariehamn, Aland Islands
Hamburg, F R G
Federico Hatzenbuehler, MET(N)-85 *) Argentina

Arkimo Ilukunolu Olukayode, MSA(E)-85
Nigeria

Copenhagen, Denmark
Darlo Clifford Gilpin, MSA(N)-85 Sierra Leone

Copenhagen, Denmark
All H Munye Bishara, GMA-85 Somalia

Copenhagen, Denmark
Samuel Nzavu, GMA-85 *)

Kenya

Sui Soon-Myang, MSA(E)-IN *) Republic of Korea

London, UK
Santiago Garcia Gonzalez, MSA(N)-IN Mexico

George Alexis, TOMSA-85 *) Trinidad and Tobago

Larbi Ahmed Yahia, GMA-86 *) Algeria

Malmö Sweden
Khalil Khayvat, MSA(E)-85

Saud Arabia

*) Denotes a visit to WMU

Hasaan Chaban of Lebanon and Aaron Azamah of Cameroon working in the WMU library.
Student hostel too small?

The number of students admitted in March 1987 reached more than 100. Together with the 85 students who will be graduating this year, the student body now totals 187. The Henrik Smith Residence can only house 150. The administration has taken steps to rent furnished apartments in the southern part of Malmö. New rules regarding Henrik Smith Residence will be effective soon. Single students will be given preference with regard to accommodation in the hostel. Students with spouses and children will have to live elsewhere.

We need information!

Please keep us informed of new appointments, promotions and participation in conferences and seminars, both at home and abroad. We think the most interesting information to include in the newsletter is about the activities of the graduates and students, so regular information from all alumni is very important. Please address to:
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World Maritime University
P.O. Box 500
S-201 24 Malmö
Sweden

Social

More efforts will be made to arrange contacts between students of WMU and families in Malmö. Already a very good contact network is established. Our lady students were especially busy last year in meetings with different women’s organizations in Malmö.

WMU visit to Kockums Shipyard

On Sunday 18 January the students and staff of WMU were invited to have a look at the last merchant ship built at Kockums. The cruiseliner M/S Celebration, a 48,000 GRT floating Las Vegas hotel, was visited by some 80 students and staff.

WMU STUDENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mamdouh El-Hamalawy
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Course group representatives

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Ouro-Sama Makaradiya
Sabina Gonzalez Solís
Andrew Amoako
Edgardo Jorge Illia
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The 89 countries represented in the student body admissions 1983-1987

- Algeria
- Mauritania
- Angola
- Mauritius
- Argentina
- Mexico
- Bahama
- Morocco
- Bangladesh
- Mozambique
- Barbados
- Nicaragua
- Benin
- Nigeria
- Bolivia
- Pakistan
- Brazil
- Panama
- Burundi
- Papua New Guinea
- Cameroon
- Peru
- Canada
- Philippines
- Chile
- Portugal
- China
- Qatar
- Colombia
- Republic of Korea
- Comoros
- Samoa
- Congo
- Saudi Arabia
- Costa Rica
- Senegal
- Côte d’Ivoire
- Seychelles
- Cuba
- Sierra Leone
- Cyprus
- Somalia
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Spain
- Yemen
- Sri Lanka
- Ecuador
- Sudan
- Egypt
- Sweden
- Equatorial Guinea
- Thailand
- Togo
- Ethiopia
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Fiji
- Tunisa
- Gabon
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- Kenya
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Liberia
- Libyan Arab
- Jamahiriya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives