WMU appeal

One of the parting duties of former IMO Secretary General C P Scrivastava was to launch a worldwide appeal to the international shipping community for contributions to support the World Maritime University (WMU). The University has been widely acclaimed as a great success and it is evident that there is keen interest throughout the world in its students. In only six years, students from 104 countries have attended the WMU, primarily from developing countries, but also from the more developed nations.

The WMU has a strong resident faculty, which is reinforced by visiting professors who are renowned specialists in their particular maritime field and who give lectures for no fee. A strong field training programme has been developed, which offers students exposure to up-to-date practices in maritime training, safety, administration and technical management of shipping companies. The University is also building up a strong maritime library and collection of training equipment, both of which will grow in strength in the future as resources become available.

ICHCA has strong roots in the shipping industry and members are urged to consider a donation to this worthy cause. Members can help by providing cash donations to the capital fund for specific purposes, fellowships to students, funding course professors, providing students with field experience or on the job training and with the provision of training equipment or library books. Enquiries can be directed to: The Secretary General, IMO, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR, UK.