

ISCO AMBASSADOR APPOINTMENT – JOHN NOBLE



Following the roll-out of the ISCO Ambassador's programme, I am pleased to confirm the second appointment, John has worked in commercial shipping since 1962 when he joined HMS Conway (1962/1964). Serving as a deck officer in the British Merchant Navy sailing with some traditional shipping lines including Blue Funnel and Palm Line.

After obtaining his Master Mariners certificate, John graduated with a Nautical Studies BSc (Honours) from Southampton University in 1977. After a spell as a claim's executive with Thomas Miller (The UK P & I Club), he set up the London office of Murray Fenton & Associates Limited in 1980.

During his consultancy career, John has been involved in several major incidents where pollution by oil was an influencing factor. Clients included IOPC Funds (For Example: Patmos, Braer, Sea Empress and Rio Orinoco) SOPF Canada: Irving Whale, Irish Government (Department of the Marine) EEC Strike team (MV Cason), International Group P & I Clubs including: SKULD, UK Club, Shipowners, Steamship Mutual and The London Club.

Following the acquisition of Murray Fenton by BMT, in 1999, he served as Chief Executive Officer of the Salvage Association until 2005. His practical expertise lies in dealing with Salvage, Wreck Removal and Oil Pollution, having attended some 60 major casualties. John is also an experienced expert witness.

In Dubai he currently acts as advisor/mentor to the marine surveying consultancy Constellation Marine Services, and is also the Technical Editor of the Nautical Institute publications: "Casualty Management Guidelines" (2012) and the "Guidelines for Collecting Maritime Evidence" Volumes 1 and 2 (2016 and 2019)

John who is based in the South of England will be the first point of liaison with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and other Governmental/NGOs in addition to ISCO's corporate and individual members within the south of England. The appointment of Ambassador will enable him to develop and strengthen ISCO's presence throughout, utilising his wealth of experience and the strong network which he has developed over the years.

The role of the Ambassador is an appointment made by the ISCO Secretariat, with the prime aim of raising the presence and work of ISCO through attendance at events, and liaison with Governmental and NGOs within the Ambassador's area of operation. These appointments can be either short-term, to support an event, or longer-term appointments where the Ambassadors are cementing relations with other organisations and individuals, with a view to establishing and increasing the locally based membership.

The strengthening of the ISCO membership is instrumental in its future development. If you are not already a member, or your membership has lapsed, ISCO would welcome your support, look at the ISCO website www.spillcontrol.org and you can find our joining form at <https://spillcontrol.org/membership-application-form>, ISCO's Linked-in page <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4016064/> or <https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-spill-control-organization>) and see the work which is being carried out, and the benefits of holding membership. With your support ISCO can create a stronger voice for the benefit of everyone.

Neil Marson JP. MRIN. MNI. F.Inst PA, FISCO, Secretary General, International Spill Control Organisation.