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**Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for Mediterranean and Eastern European Countries**  
Towards a holistic maritime policy

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Run by the IOI-Malta Operational Centre

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## SCHOLARSHIPS – IOI MALTA COURSE ON REGIONAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE

The IOI-Malta Operational Centre is once again running a 5-week training course on **Regional Ocean Governance for the Mediterranean and Eastern European Countries** between 16<sup>th</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008. The course is supported by the International Ocean Institute with sponsorships by the Lighthouse Foundation, United Nations University/EHS and the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation of UNDP. It is accredited by the University of Malta and will be attended by at least twelve foreign participants. In order to maximize benefits locally, we are offering to sponsor a number of suitably qualified Maltese officials to participate.

The theme of the course draws upon the conduct of maritime affairs in line with the Lisbon Strategy, targeting the Millennium Development Goals and building upon a holistic and integrated maritime policy following the principles enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. It focuses on the linkages between the natural, social and economic sciences to the development of sustainable ocean governance, and on the research-management interface that can render governance operable. The Course stresses the inter-linkages of multi-disciplinary inputs, and on the support of technology to enable the effective achievement of ocean management and sustainable development. The emphasis of the course will be on the implications of the EU maritime policy for the European regional seas and the practical implementation that takes into account the particularities of seas as different and sensitive as the Mediterranean, Black and Baltic and Caspian Seas. The EU maritime policy and the coherence of policies of neighbouring states with it are investigated in depth as basis for regional cooperation. The course aims to build stronger coherence between the EU and its acceding countries and their neighbours in their engagement in the governance of the regional seas, promoting inter-regional comparisons, shared experiences and exchange of best practice scenarios, and fostering interaction between participants from European, Eastern European, North African and Middle East countries bordering the Mediterranean.

In the course, the practice of ocean governance is expressed within the perspective of evolving and changing global environments, and advances in science and technology. It draws upon the bridging of ocean science and engineering to adaptive management and policy, including the use and support of real-time routine observations and nowcasting/forecasting methods toward improved rapid assessments, and sound decision-making. In this sense, the IOI course is a reference point for the governability of the oceans, and a resource for innovative teaching appealing to a wide range of participants and practitioners in marine-related science, management and policy undertakings. More detailed information can be found in the enclosed announcement and on the course website <http://www.capemalta.net/ioimoc/course2008>.

Applicants for this course are to be nominated by a government entity, NGO or an educational institution. The full course fee amounts to **6000 USD**, but we would encourage the participation of suitable Maltese candidates who will be able to follow the course for a **nominal fee of €580**. We would appreciate it if you could kindly bring the attached announcement to the attention of suitably qualified members of staff in your organization.

I would be pleased to answer any questions on the course or the application process should you wish to contact me on [ioimaltacourse@capemalta.net](mailto:ioimaltacourse@capemalta.net) or 2134 6528/2144 0972.

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It aims to promote education and training in the sustainable use of ocean resources.  
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## Course Overview

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- Global Ocean Governance Framework
- Managing our Relations with the Oceans
- Conflict Management and Consensus-Building
- Regional Ocean Governance Frameworks for the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic and Caspian Seas

It is specifically designed to benefit mid-career professionals, government officials, educators, researchers and civil society participants, preferably with coastal / marine-related responsibilities. Preference will be given to candidates from developing countries of the Mediterranean and Eastern European countries. Further information is available on [www.capemalta.net/ioimoc/course2008/index.html](http://www.capemalta.net/ioimoc/course2008/index.html); the Course Flier (enclosed) may be downloaded from the Training Course Home Page.

**Target participants:** Candidates should preferably have an undergraduate degree in a field relevant to marine affairs and science. They must be nominated and sponsored by an appropriate Government entity, university or equivalent educational institution or by a national or regional organisation. A working knowledge of English is essential. Applicants from developed countries or countries outside the region will be considered only if they are fully funded or are registered at the University of Malta as graduate students.

**Course Application:** Applicants should register their interest in the course by submitting the online Preliminary Interest Form. Applicants are subsequently to send full details in an application form (including the Participant Nomination and Medical Form). Both forms can be accessed on [www.capemalta.net/ioimoc/course2008/apply.html](http://www.capemalta.net/ioimoc/course2008/apply.html) or obtained by emailing the Course Coordinator on [ioimaltacourse@capemalta.net](mailto:ioimaltacourse@capemalta.net).

**The deadline for applications is the 15 September 2008.**

**Course Fee:** US\$6000, covering accommodation, daily allowance for meals, course delivery materials, all bench fees, use of university facilities, participation in field trips and social programme organised as part of the course.

**Scholarships:** Limited scholarships covering all or part of the expenses of the course are available for applicants from developing countries but preference will be given to self-sustaining participants.

**Accreditation:** Completion of the full course and fulfilment of the course work to the required standards will lead to a Certificate in Ocean Governance accredited by the University of Malta.

**Please distribute this information among interested contacts - Thank you**