

Momentum growing for Switzerland Branch

In March, Matt Gilbert and Eleonora Modde from Head Office visited Members and students in Switzerland, where in the recent years the number of candidates taking exams has grown significantly.

Local Members expressed their gratitude for Head Office's efforts to support the formal establishment of a Branch of the Institute in the country. There are over 30 Members in Switzerland and about 30 students studying towards their Professional Qualifying Examinations.

Judging by the enthusiasm of the groups met in Geneva and Zurich, Switzerland is ready for lift off. **SN**



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Humber Branch dinner success

The 2023 Humber Branch dinner was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Hull earlier this year with over 280 guests in attendance.

Branch chairman Nick Allen FICS commented: "It is great to see the shipping community of our region gathering around the Institute."

The best performing students in the Branch were presented with prizes for their achievements at the dinner. Lewis Edmonds from Clarksons was the best student among Foundation Diploma students last year; Luke M Thompson from Graypen was awarded best student for the Foundation Diploma this year. Ed Inglis from Port of Boston was recognised as the best student for the Advanced Diploma in 2021-2022. **SN**



Lewis Edmonds (right) from Clarksons with Tom Boothby FICS

Italy back on Institute's map

This year, Head Office has been working hard to establish links with Italian partners from various local strategic organisations, including Federagenti, Assagenti and the Ente Bilaterale Nazionale.

As a result of those efforts, 15 candidates signed up for various Institute diplomas in the May 2023 exam sitting, taking 30 subjects overall.

A special thank you goes to some key people who have aided

a re-ignition of links between the Institute and this prominent maritime nation: Filippo Gallo, EBN president; Massimo Proglgio, EBN vice-president; Alessandro Santi, FEDERAGENTI president; Paolo Pessina, ASSAGENTI president; Federica Archibugi, FEDERAGENTI GIOVANI president, and Daniela Teodori, head of research and development for Consorzio Global.

The Institute currently has 20 Members in Italy. The ambition is to double that figure in the coming years. **SN**

Calendar

July Events

July 10-13
3rd Summer School –
Shipping in Action
Greece Branch

August Events

August 24
Examination results
published

August TBC
Australia & New Zealand
Branch AGM

September Events

September 11
London International
Shipping Week Shipping
Debate: challenges faced
by shipping business and
the future skills needed
London & South East
Branch
London

