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## The INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE IOInforma 0415

World Ocean Day 2015 – 8<sup>th</sup> June  
“Healthy Ocean, Healthy Planet”

The theme chosen this year by the UN to commemorate World Ocean Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> June is “Healthy Ocean, Healthy Planet”. The theme chosen is in itself a realisation of the interdependence of the health of the ocean and the future of our Blue Planet. This year, for those people who have to close to their heart the preservation of our oceans, we can record positive progress that gives hope and encouragement in the struggle to save our oceans from a veritable tsunami of threats. We find much satisfaction in the ongoing process at the United Nations to protect the oceans’ biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction as well as in the standalone Sustainable Development Goal 14 prioritising the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development in the current transition from the MDGs to the SDGs. That being said, this is no time to rest on our laurels but we all must and shall continue our work in favour of the oceans. *The IOI, as a knowledge-based institution, pledges to continue, and even expand on, its work on training and education efforts for capacity building in Ocean Governance to create knowledgeable and capable future leaders in ocean governance to ensure the intergenerational sustainability of the oceans and of our planet.*

Awni Behnam – Honorary President, IOI. 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015

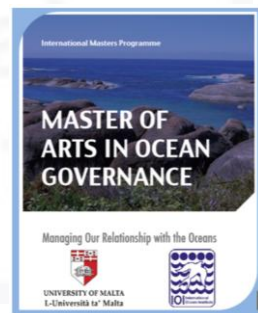


The IOI is committed to furthering education and capacity building in Ocean Governance globally and regionally and is pleased to present the following **tuition support packages** and **training course announcements** for programmes offered over 2015 and 2016. For enquiries and further information please email [ioihq@ioihq.org.mt](mailto:ioihq@ioihq.org.mt) and [IOITraining@ioihq.org.mt](mailto:IOITraining@ioihq.org.mt)

**TUITION FEE SUPPORT AVAILABLE for the Master of Arts Degree in Ocean Governance**  
<http://www.um.edu.mt/icp/ocean-governance>

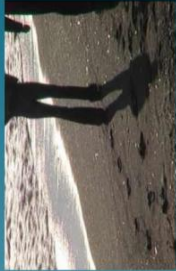
The **Master of Arts Degree in Ocean Governance** is jointly offered by the Faculty of Laws at the University of Malta and the International Ocean Institute.

- The **costs to cover the tuition fees for three (3) persons** are being made available by the IOI for persons applying to attend the Master of Arts Degree in Ocean Governance at the University of Malta in Malta, provided that the applicants meet the admission criteria stipulated for the **MA in Ocean Governance** and are selected to attend the MA degree course via official University of Malta admission procedures.
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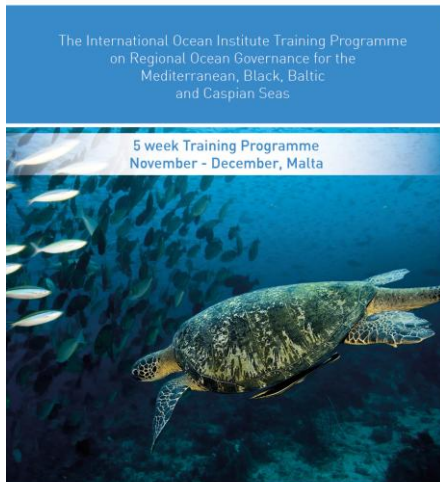
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## First Announcement

### **IOI TRAINING PROGRAMME ON REGIONAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN, BLACK, BALTIC & CASPIAN SEAS**

*8th Nov – 10th December 2015, Malta*



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Applications and expressions of interest are being accepted for the eleventh edition of the IOI Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic and Caspian Seas, held in Malta in 2015. For enquiries and further information please email [ioihq@ioihq.org.mt](mailto:ioihq@ioihq.org.mt) and [IOITraining@ioihq.org.mt](mailto:IOITraining@ioihq.org.mt).

*The IOI welcomes Professor Alan Deidun of the University of Malta in his new role as Course Manager for the 2015 training course and takes this opportunity to thank and show appreciation for the sterling work carried out by Professor Aldo Drago in this role over the first ten programmes 2005 - 2014.*

**PLEASE VISIT:** <http://www.ioinst.org/> or the course website <http://oceania.research.um.edu.mt/cms/ioicourse/>  
**FOR DOWNLOADS OF:** the Course Flier and Application Form.

## Visit to IOI HQ by delegates from the **State Oceanic Administration (SOA) of PR China** to discuss Capacity Building and Education 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015, Malta

High level delegates from SOA visited the IOI HQ in Malta to discuss capacity building and education in areas of ocean governance. SOA is a valued partner of the IOI in the **Training Programme on Ocean Governance for the Western Pacific Region** held in the SOA centre in Tianjin. The very cordial meeting was attended from the part of SOA by Mr Fang Jianmeng, Deputy Administrator, Mrs Zhang Haiwen, Director General of International Cooperation Department, and Mr Sun Shengzhi, Division Director of the International Cooperation Department and, on behalf of the IOI, by Dr Awni Behnam, Honorary President and Antonella Vassallo, Managing Director. The students of the MA Degree in Ocean Governance were also invited to meet the delegates and to share their experiences of the MA degree programme - a substantial number of the students are in fact from PR China, and it is hoped that in future, the cooperation with SOA would also extend to the provision of post graduate degree training through the IOI.

