



IMO MOCK SESSION COMPETITION

An Initiative of Indian Maritime University in association with DMET-MERI Alumni and Institute of Marine Engineers (India) Mumbai Branch including its Navi Mumbai and Gujarat Chapters





Background Information

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is a Specialized Agency of the United Nations, which is responsible to take measures to improve the safety and security of international shipping and to prevent pollution from ships. It thus plays a critical role in developing the legal framework required to achieve its objectives.

As a developing nation and a major seafaring nation, it is vital that India safeguards its interests at the IMO. Therefore in-depth knowledge of IMO proceedings and procedures is a crucial aspect of the capacity building of human elements dealing with various aspects of the maritime sector in India.

In this context, Indian Maritime University (A Central University), in association with DMET–MERI Alumni and Mumbai Branch (including Navi Mumbai and Gujarat Chapters) of the Institute of Marine Engineers (India), are conducting a Mock IMO Session Competition for students and scholars of IMU and its affiliated colleges, as a value addition to the academic pursuits of the IMU. The competition will also hone the cognitive and communication skills of the participants. It is envisaged that this competition would be held on an annual basis.

The said competition will be conducted both at intra and inter campus level, with the first round being intra campus, and the winning teams from this round competing at inter campus level.

TOPICS FOR THE YEAR -2021

- A. Development of Measures to Ensure Quality of On-board Training as a Part of the Mandatory Seagoing Service, Required by the STCW Convention.
- B. Amending the Annex –V of MARPOL 73/78 so as to protect the Marine Ecology from Vessel based Marine Plastic Litter.



Prizes

SNo	Prize	Amount
01	Winning Team (Topic 1 - STCW)	Rs 20,000/-
02	Runner -Up (Topic 1- STCW)	Rs 10,000/-
03	Best Speaker (Topic 1 - STCW)	Rs 5,000/-
04	Most Original Paper (Topic 1- STCW)	Rs 10,000/-
05	Rolling Trophy (Topic 1- STCW)	NA
06	Winning Team (Topic 2 - MARPOL)	Rs 20,000/-
07	Runner Up (Topic 2 - MARPOL)	Rs 10,000/-
08	Best Speaker (Topic 2 - MARPOL)	Rs 5,000/-
09	Most Original Paper (Topic 2- MARPOL)	Rs 10,000/-
10	Rolling Trophy (Topic 2 - MARPOL)	NA

Note: All Participants who have submitted Papers as per the instructions, followed by successful presentation in the competition will get “Certificate of Participation”.

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Instructions for the IMO Mock Session Competition

IMO Mock Session Competition at Intra Campus Level:

1. The Teams from each campus have to submit their Base paper as per the role assigned to them in accordance with the indicative 'Table A'¹. They will have guidance from Industry stalwarts who will act as Guides and be assigned to the Campuses.
2. The Base Papers are to be prepared in the format similar to IMO (downloadable from the IMO website as a public user) and submitted as per schedule given in Annexure -I.
3. After the last date of Base Paper submission², papers submitted by the Teams playing different roles will be uploaded in their respective campus, enabling participants playing a particular role to understand the stands of the Teams playing other roles, but not allowing them to see the Papers of teams playing their roles.³

¹ In order to inject realism and relevance into the exercise, the table has been drawn up on the basis of various aspects which influence the stands taken by various 'Parties' at the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

² Please refer the Annexure -I for timelines.

³ For Example; If Chennai Campus is having 20 teams for one topic, thus there will be four teams per category. Now Teams of category A would get to see all papers of category B, C, D & E, but not the papers of category A. The rationale behind such disclosure is to make the participants to understand the viewpoints of the other category of the same topic. Noteworthy part of the competition is the papers of the same category of same topic will not be subjected to the disclosure.



4. After understanding the viewpoints of teams with different roles of the same campus, each team can insert modifications, if any, to the contents of their Base paper (already submitted) and can submit a modified paper highlighting the changes (Response Paper) (length of revised paper should not exceed by 2 pages from original paper) as their second and final paper, within the time prescribed in the schedule⁴.

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 - d. At this stage of competition, teams are provided with an opportunity to improvise their first paper submitted, if their papers demand improvement.
5. Papers submitted in accordance with the instructions will be evaluated by the Judges, and shortlisted teams, would then present their papers in a structure similar to an IMO session and would justify their stands for being taken forward.
6. The presentation will be judged by a panel of three judges, based on the pragmatism, relevance & novelty of the aspects covered in the presentation.
7. The best teams in each category of both topics, will compete in the Inter Campus Competition.

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IMO Mock Session Competition at Inter Campus Level & Finals:

1. The winning teams from each category, for each topic, at Intra Campus Level Competition would contest in the Inter Campus Level Competition.
2. These teams will get time to prepare for inter campus level competition & best selected papers; two from each topic will reach 'Finals' of the IMO Mock Session Competition - 2021.
3. The finals would be judged by the combined panel of judge, who will select the Winner and Runner-up for each topic.

Selection of Most Original Paper & Best Speaker:

1. The "Most Original Paper" & "Best Speaker" of the competition will be selected for each topic.

Instructions for Paper Submission:

Length of papers: There is no restriction on the length of papers so as to encourage participants to do intensive research. However it is strongly recommended to keep the contents relevant to the topic. Irrelevant information, duplication of information, plagiarism & copyright infringement may attract negative marking and in severe cases, papers may get disqualified. Revised papers should highlight the changes made and not exceed by 2 pages from the first paper submitted by a team.

Times New Roman, 12 font for body, 14 font for Headings with 1.5 Inches left, 1.0 right, 1.5 top & 1.5 bottom margin, Justified with 1.5 space in between.

Teams shall comply with the timelines. Non-compliance of timelines shall disqualify the teams from the competition.

During the sessions, decorum as is expected amongst representatives of Nations would be maintained and usage of appropriate mannerism and language would also be marked by the Judges.



For Extended Studies:

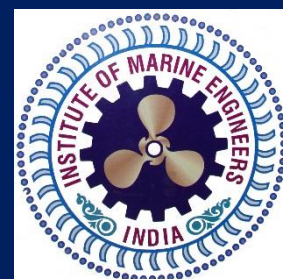
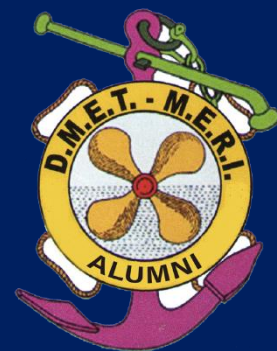
To understand how the MSC and MEPC Committees work, the circular ‘Guidelines on the Organization and Method of Work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies’ (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.2) can be studied by the participants for guidance.

The above would also be able to guide participants on the minimum aspects to be covered in their paper submission. As in IMO font is prescribed, in this competition also the fonts have been prescribed and participants are urged to adhere to same.

Table - A

Table A is indicative (final attributes of team will be shared at the time of Role allotment to a team) and suggesting the role of probable stakeholders in the IMO Proceedings.

A	B	C	D	E	F
Developing Nation	Developing Nation	Developed Nation	Developed Nation	FOC	NGO
Manpower supplier - International	Manpower supplier - National	Limited seafarers	Limited seafarers	Large seafarers but no training exposure	Manpower welfare focus
Limited tonnage	Large tonnage	Limited tonnage	Large tonnage	Large tonnage	No exposure
Limited R&D	Large R&D	Medium R&D	Large R&D	Limited R&D	Strong R&D
Medium trade	Large trade	Large trade	Large trade	Limited trade	No exposure
Legislation – moderate implementation	Legislation – limited implementation	Legislation – very strong implementation	Legislation – strong implementation	Legislation – moderate	

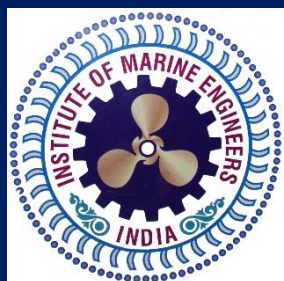




Annexure-I

TIMELINES FOR THE COMPETITION

SNo	Event	Start Date	End Date	Remarks
1	Announcement of the Competition	16 th April 2021	NA	On IMU website
2	Registration	16 th April 2021	30 th April 2021	Online Portal
3	Information Brochure containing instructions	14 th May 2021	14 th May 2021	On IMU website
4	Forming Teams, Allocation of Guides and its publication	17 th May 2021	17 th May 2021	Allocation of Guides : 1. On basis of their expertise on the given topics 2. Draw of lots
5	Submission of Base Paper	18 th May 2021	18 th June 2021	Submission of Base Paper Online. On 18 th June, a team at a Campus will be able to see all its Campus papers of teams, other than its role.
6	Response Paper Submission	19 th June 2021	25 th June 2021	
7	Time for Secretariat	26 th June 2021	30 th June 2021	To facilitate Paper evaluation by Judges
8	Evaluation of Papers by Judges	1st July 2021	25th July 2021	Secretariat will coordinate & facilitate the evaluation and feedback to Campus & publication of selected papers.
9	Preparation for Presentation and Revision / Updation of papers prior Presentation.	26th July 2021	30th July 2021	Under the Guidance of Guides, keeping the Secretariat informed
10	Mock Session Round -1 (STCW – Topic 1)	31st July 2021 & 1st Aug 2021 Saturday & Sunday	31st July 2021 & 1st Aug 2021	Intra Campus Competition. (Timings of competition will be informed later)



Annexure-I

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SNo	Event	Start Date	End Date	Remarks
11	Mock Session Round-1(MARPOL - Topic 2)	7th & 8th August 2021	7th & 8th August 2021	Intra Campus Competition. (Timings of competition will be informed later)
12	Time for teams to amend / modify submitted papers as per their categories in preparation for the Inter Campus keeping the Secretariat advised	9th August 2021	13th August 2021	Secretariat
13	Mock Session Round -2 (STCW)	14th August 2021		Inter-Campus Winning papers in each category
14	Mock Session Round -2 (MARPOL)	14th August 2021 afternoon		Inter-Campus Winning papers in each category
15	Final Round (STCW & MARPOL)	15th August 2021		Shortlisted Teams from Inter Campus Rounds
16	Prize Distribution and Closing Session	15th August 2021		

