18th October 2016

Annual General Meeting

Address by Hon. Secretary. Mark Bruno Olivier

 Thank you all for your participation in today’s Annual General Meeting.

In the past year, your committee underwent major changes following the appointments of a new Chairperson and Honorable Secretary, both of which had to go through a process of familiarization and understanding. The first objective and achievement was to create a new framework and structure for the committee, establishing clear roles and responsibilities for all its members.

The committee also focused in establishing a clear strategy for the Institute in Malta for the coming three years. Today we are working on an approved strategy for Education, Public Relations and Membership. The vision is to be the leading membership organization, locally and in the Mediterranean, providing education and development for both individuals and corporations within transport and logistics.

Education still remains the primary focus of the committee and we are pleased that the University of Malta (UoM) opened another course in 2015. UoM required the institute’s help to fill in a vacant post as lecturer on Fleet Management and we have nominated one of our members who was recruited. We also had several discussions with MCAST and received confirmation that the College agreed to include a level 3 MCAST Diploma in Logistics (general) programme.  An MCAST level 4 programme in Logistics and Supply Chain (Specialist) is also being planned. This would offer a progression possibility for students who would have successfully completed the level 3 qualification. In this case we are still waiting to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and subsequently to initiate a Working Forum leading to the programme’s structure and content.

In 2015, together with the Malta International Ship-owners Association, the Institute sponsored the Transportation and Major Events Workshop organized by the UoM.Guest speaker, Ms Joany Grima, International Events Manager and Events Management Lecturer from the Wellington Institute of Technology, New Zealand, facilitated this workshop.

During the year the Institute received several invitations related to logistics and transport both from private and public entities. As part of our public relations strategy, the Chairperson participated actively promoting the Institute in all events. Our committee members were also invited for various other events throughout the year were attendance was essential for CILT Malta’s exposure. In November 2015 (24th November – 25th November), CILT Malta was offered the opportunity to participate in the Commonwealth Business Forum (CHOGM). This was a unique opportunity to build bridges and expand our network within the Commonwealth countries represented. CILT Malta members were also invited to The Counter-Proliferation Good Practice Workshop held in Malta in September 2015.This event was organised by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) in conjunction with Malta Customs.

The Knowledge Transfer Office at the University of Malta also invited CILT Malta Chairperson to the upcoming industry-academia networking event focusing on the "Maritime Sector”. The goal was to provide a platform for a profitable exchange between academics and local companies in order to promote collaboration, innovative ideas and to take advantage of EU funding opportunities. On behalf of the institute, the Chairperson also presented the Diploma Level 5 of CILT during the First Logistics Managers and Practitioner Forum organized by SSM Group. CILT Members also had special discounted rates on participation fees.

With regards to Public Relations, the responsible secretary has also managed to create a new modern CILT Malta quarterly newsletter that you should be receiving shortly. Furthermore the Institute has managed to publish a new promotional brochure that includes information on the new corporate membership structure and its benefits. The urgent need for this brochure was felt following several meetings

held with large local companies to discuss how the Institute could be of help in providing education and development.

Last year, the Honorable Secretary attended the CILT International Convention 2015 that took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The CILT International Convention was an opportunity for us to connect with world leaders of the supply chain, logistics and transport as well as fellow CILT members from all member countries. The theme of the conference was *Stronger Together: Global Strategies for Success in Logistics and Transport*. The convention’s varied programme included high-profile speakers and presentations spread over the four days.

During the convention we managed to schedule several private meetings with key personnel from CILT International and CILT UK. The meetings were very informative and helped us understand better the accreditation process. We have also managed to make an agreement with CILT UK thanks to which today we are distributing the Weekly News Bulletin and Monthly Focus Magazine. We have also managed to acquire access to the CILT UK Knowledge Centre.

The Knowledge Centre houses one of the largest specialist collections and most comprehensive sources of logistics and transport information in Europe! The knowledge bank currently hosts three online databases; Online Library Catalogue, Business Intelligence Service and World Newspaper Today. These databases provide infinite number of journals, magazines, articles, books, pamphlets and reference materials, as well as company profiles, country economic reports, industry reports and instantaneous online access to today’s newspapers from around the world. To provide a premium level of service, CILT Malta shall conduct research through the Knowledge Centre for paid members. Basically, the Knowledge Centre service will consent its member/s to benefit from the opportunity of commissioning CILT Malta to conduct research on any specific topic/s they require. The search results will then be handed over in physical or electronic format as per member/s requirements.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all committee members for their contribution and support. During this last year, thirty three (33) meetings were held, ten (10) by the Executive Committee and twenty three (23) by sub groups. The concept of sub groups was introduced this year and results have been very positive. In the coming year it is foreseen that three sub committees shall be appointed, namely one for

Education, one for Public Relations and another for Membership. It is because of all the committee member’s effort and dedication through voluntary involvement that today CILT Malta has managed to achieve its objectives.

I thank you all, for your attention