

Scholarship 2004
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Dear Thomas,

Due to unforeseen business and two weeks holiday I had not yet found the time to fulfil your kind request to provide you with some feedback concerning this Scholarship. My apologies for the delay.

The Scholarship was a excellent experience and I would again like to extend my gratitude and thanks to you and all your colleagues for giving me the possibility to follow this course. What especially struck me was the way the program was structured. Not only was the ratio between theory and practice excellent. There was also a great variety within these two main topics. We had for instance the opportunity to meet various people involved in several aspects of shipping.

Given that at NautaDutilh I am mostly involved in various port related matters such as arrest of ships, salvage and general average. I have had not much experience with reinsurance and reinsurance brokers. For this reason alone I especially enjoyed the trip to AON and the trip to Munich Re. Especially the Powerpoint presentations by the several people at Munich Re were very illustrative. Further definite highlights of the course were the trips to Blohm & Voss, the Hamburg ship model basin and the central pilot station.

Of course the lectures by you and your colleagues were very helpful to elucidate the complicated matters during the course. The Scholarship furthermore offered my the chance to meet you and your colleagues who I have been working with on a regular basis.

I think the whole group got along very well and we all enjoyed exploring Hamburg and its nightlife. I would especially like to thank Sascha and Olaf who accompanied us on a regular basis. Their guidance was very much appreciated by May, Siiri, Sébastien, Peter and me.

Thank you and your colleagues for your hospitality. Should you come over to Rotterdam (for business or on holiday) please let me know as it would be a pleasure to meet with you again.

Kind regards,

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