

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS ([www.fonasba.com/fonasba-member/fonasba-membership-list](http://www.fonasba.com/fonasba-member/fonasba-membership-list))

Since the last Newsletter, we are pleased to welcome one new Full Member and two Associate Members, namely:

### Full:

ASONAVE, Valparaiso, Chile

### Associate:

TRANSLOG, Algeria

Al Omran United, Misurata, Libya

TRANSLOG is a federation of transport and logistics companies recently established under the Presidency of our colleague Abdallah Seriai, formerly President of APAMA. We are very pleased to see him return to FONASBA.

All three new members are very welcome to the FONASBA family and as always we look forward to their active and enthusiastic participation in our activities.

At the time of writing therefore, membership now

stands at 80 members in 65 countries.

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, our Regional Vice Presidents have been tasked with organising regional webinars to maintain contact with their members whilst travelling is constrained. The first of these took place on 10<sup>th</sup> November, hosted by Dr. Dureid Mahasneh, Regional Vice President for the Middle East and South Asia, and brought together all the current FONASBA members in the region as well as potential new members.

Following a welcome address by President Aziz Mantrach, the webinar went on to discuss expansion of membership across the region as well as new shipping developments and the impact of COVID. General Manager Jonathan Williams also spoke about a number of FONASBA initiatives, including the Quality Standard.

The webinar was very well-received by the participants and served as an excellent template for the others that will follow in the coming months.

## EDUCATION ([www.fonasba.com/education-and-training](http://www.fonasba.com/education-and-training))



Unfortunately, one of the casualties of the postponement of the Annual Meeting was the presentation of the Young Ship Agent or Ship Broker of the Year Award to Ana Garcia de los Rios of Spain. It is however hoped that Ana, pictured left, will be able to join us for the rescheduled meeting in Antwerp in March, where she

will also present a summary of the findings of her paper. The 2022 Award will be launched early next year.

The FONASBA Agent Diploma continues to be very popular with students and to date 360 have taken the course. It runs year-round and new applicants are always welcome: [www.fonasba.com/education-and-training/fonasba-agent-diploma](http://www.fonasba.com/education-and-training/fonasba-agent-diploma)

FONASBA's suite of education courses was enhanced in September with the launch of the FONASBA ACB Liner Shipping Transportation course, delivered by the Association of Shipping Agents of Barcelona (ACB). Despite a very short lead time, the course attracted 44 students from 15 countries. It operates once a year over a three month period starting in

September. The next course will therefore start in September 2022 and details will be circulated to all members in advance: [www.fonasba.com/fonasba-acb-liner-shiping-transportation-course](http://www.fonasba.com/fonasba-acb-liner-shiping-transportation-course)

We are also very pleased to announce that agreement has been reached with the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers for the provision in early 2022 of a course on the fundamentals of ship broking.

Operating in a similar way to the FONASBA Agent Diploma, the online course will cover all aspects of the ship broking profession, covering the parties to the fixture and their respective obligations, making the offer, the role of the ship broker in preparing for the charter, the actions taken after completion of the fixture, the terms used and the functions of the charterparty, bill of lading and other contract forms.

Again, similar to the Agent Diploma, the student will be entered for the course by their national association (or Associate member) and work flexibly, sitting an online examination when ready. The pass mark will be 75% and two retakes will be allowed.

Further information on the course will be provided to all members early in 2022. We are confident that this course will prove as popular for aspiring ship brokers as the Agent Diploma and ACB courses are for ship agents.