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Invitation for Heads of Delegation to nominate candidates for  
scholarships for Masters and university specialisation courses/  
Invitation à désigner des candidats à des bourses aux masters et  
au cours de spécialisation universitaire

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Madrid, 18 March 2011

Subject: Invitation for Heads of Delegation to nominate candidates for scholarships for Masters and university specialisation courses

Dear Head of Delegation,

As part of its training and specific operations activities for 2011 the International Olive Council is pleased to invite its Members to nominate candidates for IOC scholarships for Master degree courses **by 15 April 2011** and for university specialisation courses **by midnight of 18 April 2011**.

It plans to award 15 scholarships for Masters and 15 scholarships for university specialisation courses to students from the IOC Members.

In the first case, five scholarships will be awarded for the 9th Master in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology organised by the University of Cordoba, five for the 5<sup>th</sup> Master in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology organised by the University of Perugia, and a further five for other unspecified universities, including Córdoba or Perugia.

These post-graduate courses of study comprise two parts: a first 10-month segment, followed by a second 10-month segment, which may be extended to 12 months in duly justified cases (theses).

The 15 scholarships for university specialisation courses will be awarded for the three-month course run by the University of Jaén to train experts in the tasting of virgin olive oil (university expert diploma).

Students who do not have a command of the working language of the courses will receive prior intensive language tuition (Spanish for the Master in Córdoba and the specialisation course in Jaén and Italian for the Master in Perugia) in advance of the start of classes. This tuition will be given for three months prior to the Masters and for one month prior to the specialisation course.

The IOC will pay the enrolment fees, travel expenses at the start and end of the course, monthly allowances and medical insurance of the students.

**Full details on the scholarships can be found at the IOC website at [www.internationaloliveoil.org](http://www.internationaloliveoil.org).**



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At the end of the courses, the Executive Secretariat will prepare evaluation cards to allow participants to express an opinion about the course content, methods and theoretical and practical grounding and its relevance to their professional responsibilities in their home countries.

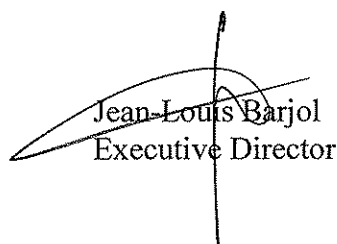
The IOC will also monitor the activities of alumni relating to the course contents after they return to their professional life.

Through these activities, the IOC aims to train professionals in olive growing and olive oil and table olive technology, to encourage research, to respond to the growing demand for specialist technical officers in the sector, to encourage the transfer of technology, to facilitate the pooling of information, experience and results and to foster mobility between Members.

**Only official candidates nominated by IOC representatives will be considered for inclusion in the selection process, which will be conducted according to the internal rules of the IOC.**

This invitation represents no obligation on the part of the IOC to select all the candidates presented by its Members. Please be aware that some candidates may be excluded from participating and that the IOC may also request additional information on candidates.

Yours faithfully,

  
Jean-Louis Barjol  
Executive Director