Rhodes Academy Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Who should apply to the Rhodes Academy of Law and Policy?**
   The RA is geared toward young professionals either working on LOS issues for governments or in academic settings such as pursuing a doctoral degree.

2. **Should I apply if I do not have a legal studies or law background?**
   The RA is for both ocean law and ocean policy scholars. Each applicant is evaluated on an individual basis and applicants are advised to spell out in their application the benefits of being admitted to the RA. Individuals with a specialization in marine science who have some background in oceans law or policy may also apply (see #4 below).

3. **How much does it cost to attend?**
   A. The 2017 attendance fee is USD $1,450. There is no additional tuition fee.
   B. Students also pay for their hotel lodging. The three-week (20 nights) hotel package, which includes breakfast plus one meal per day, costs approximately €1,500 or USD $1700 for a single room or about €1,100 or USD $1300 for a shared room. Additional meals, nights, and all personal items are at student expense.
   C. Round-trip transportation to Rhodes, Greece.

4. **Are there scholarships, and who is eligible for them?**
   A. The great majority of students are self-paying. A limited number of partial scholarships are offered based on high academic merit and financial need. The number of scholarships varies from year to year. Virtually all of the few scholarships are designated by their grantees for capacity building in developing nations.
   B. There is an annual scholarship sponsored by the International Cable Protection Committee for the best written paper on a submarine cable topic.
   C. There are a few marine science grants available (for those with a degree in marine science), contingent on ISA funding.

5. **What are the language requirements?**
   Proficiency in English is required. All classes and the examinations are in English. English is widely spoken in Rhodes, so knowledge of Greek is not necessary.

6. **If accepted, what will I need to bring with me for my studies?**
   A. A laptop or tablet computer.
   B. A personal copy of the paperback *The Law of the Sea—United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the Convention on the Law of the Sea with Index* (ISBN 92-1-133522-1). It can be ordered from booksellers such as Amazon.com in the language of your choice. (Course materials on a USB flash drive are provided upon arrival at no additional cost.)