

PRESS INFORMATION



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AMSBC agrees amalgamation with IIMS to form IIMS Canada

At a recent meeting of the International Institute of Marine Surveying's (IIMS) management board in Portchester UK, it was unanimously agreed to accept the proposal from the Association of Marine Surveyors of British Columbia (AMSBC) to amalgamate and form IIMS BC, the British Columbia chapter of IIMS Canada.

The realisation of IIMS BC and IIMS Canada is the result of much due diligence work behind the scenes. The formation of IIMS Canada brings the number of IIMS regional branches to six, the others being Australia, India, New Zealand, Pakistan and UAE.

Commenting on the news, Richard Smith, President of AMSBC said, "Looking to the future I am convinced that this will prove to be a very positive and beneficial move for both our members and the profession at large here in British Columbia."

"Our access to an association with a sizeable realm of national and international knowledge combined with the considerable educational resources that will now be available to us will be of great value and help us to elevate the status of our profession and thus the level of service that we will bring to the marine industry in BC."

Richard went on to formally thank the Amalgamation Committee, and in particular Tim Ellis and Capt Andrew Korek, for all their efforts in helping bring this project to fruition.

Speaking on behalf of the IIMS, Mike Schwarz, Chief Executive Officer, said, "I am delighted that we have been able to facilitate and agree the amalgamation between our two organisations and look forward to welcoming AMSBC members into the IIMS family."

"I am most grateful to those involved in British Columbia, who have worked tirelessly to make this a reality. Capt Andrew Korek (who will become Regional Director of IIMS Canada) and I have already forged a close working relationship and I look forward to developing things further in the coming months."

About the International Institute of Marine Surveying

The International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS) is an independent, non-political organisation promoting the professionalism, recognition and training of marine surveyors worldwide. The IIMS defines marine surveying as: 'The service provided to maritime and transport organisations in general and the production of guidance reports for all other bodies connected with maritime operations or maritime trade'.

The IIMS is the leading professional body for marine surveyors and has a worldwide membership of around 1,000 individuals in over 90 countries. It is the largest organisation of its kind and seeks to represent its industry to government and non governmental organisations such as the International Marine Organisation (IMO), Coastguards, insurance companies, ship and boat owners.

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