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## International Institute of Marine Surveying celebrates its Silver Jubilee

The International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS) celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year having been founded in 1991. From humble beginnings, the organisation has grown steadily to become the leading, worldwide body for professional marine surveyors of all disciplines and is now respected as such globally. The Institute boasts one thousand members in nearly one hundred countries. IIMS is increasingly passionate about educating surveyors and increasing standards throughout the profession.

The cornerstone of this year's 25th anniversary celebrations are centred around its two day Conference, which takes place in three iconic venues in London on 31 August and 1 September.

On the first morning there are five carefully selected technical workshops. Then to coincide with this special occasion, IIMS has launched its prestigious Silver Jubilee Awards for Excellence in Marine Surveying, which will be presented at lunchtime on the first day of Conference by Sir Alan Massey, Maritime & Coastguard Agency CEO, at Regent's University.

Later that evening, a Gala Dinner has been organised at the Museum of London Docklands.

On 1 September, delegates will assemble at the iconic Old Library, Lloyd's of London for a day of conferencing under the theme of 'Marine Surveying: The Next 25 Years'. The speaker line up is complete and with the theme very much in mind, the confirmed speakers will tackle a range of topics from autonomous ships to drone technology, from the future challenges facing marine insurers to how the industry nurtures and develops the next generation of surveyors.

IIMS Chief Executive Officer, Mike Schwarz said, "This is a highly significant year in the history of IIMS. With technology advancing rapidly, this year's Conference allows us to take a look round the corner at what the coming years will hold for surveyors. I am delighted at the quality of speakers and believe the event will be not only highly educational and informative, but also hugely enjoyable too."

The Conference is open to anyone from the maritime world to attend and not just IIMS members.

For full details please see: <http://www.iims.org.uk/whats-on/25th-anniversary-conference-2016>

### About the Institute

IIMS is an independent, non-political organisation promoting the professionalism, recognition and training of marine surveyors. The IIMS is the 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, brokers and ship owners and the wider maritime world.

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