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Jeremy Knight
Chief Operating Officer
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We would take the accreditation as akin to a recommendation from the Practitioner’s peer group...

CONCERNS:

...if it tests the ‘soft’ skill... ...pragmatism.

I am intrigued how the accreditation will recognise these qualitative skills.

A surveyor maybe quite good at all sorts of things, but they will be masters of one or two. I have a range of surveyors who’s skills suit particular jobs.

Each of these could probably be accredited as practitioners, but unless the accreditation is in a specific area it will be of limited value to me as a buyer.

Yves Vandenborn
Director of Loss Prevention
CHARLES TAYLOR MUTUAL MANAGEMENT (ASIA) Pte. Limited, managers of The Standard Club Asia Ltd

I would definitely be in favour of supporting this and work towards an industry minimum standard accreditation for marine surveyors.
Thoughts on Question One

If IIMS was to implement such a scheme, how might you react as an organisation when it comes to searching for and appointing a surveyor?

We would always try to seek out and use the best surveyor we could find in that specific field of operations.

...the main reason we prefer appointing IIMS surveyors is because they are... ...a cut above the rest of the crop.

CONCERNS:

...there should be a distinction between small craft/yachts and the merchant ships ...further distinction should be made.
Thoughts on Question Two

Would you be more likely to start your initial search at Practitioner level knowing that these surveyors have been formally accredited?

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Individual Qualification will provide additional assurance supported by other information that we are also using Internationally recognised people capable of completing the work to the highest of standards.

Yes, ‘start’ being the operative word.

Captain Hari Subramaniam  
Loss Prevention Manager - Singapore  
SHIPOWNERS CLUB

...the accreditation standards such as hands on training, mentoring of surveyors for vessels on which the surveyor has not has exposure to...  
...CPD points is a great idea because it add so much value...

Yves Vandenborn  
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...yes, from the club’s perspective I would prefer engaging surveyors who have the accreditation.

Jeremy Knight  
Chief Operating Officer  
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Thoughts on Question Three

Might you be likely to encourage others within your network to do likewise?

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...if a surveyor is listed as a (for example) a gas tanker surveyor, then we as a Club wouldn’t have to think twice on checking and verifying to see whether the surveyor actually had experience on those types of vessels and the IIMS website surveyor search would be the first (and perhaps the last) sounding board for this exercise of sourcing surveyors.

It is important that we all use a common standard because where safety is concerned then all companies have a responsibility and commercial advantage should never be a consideration.
Thoughts on Question Four

Or do you feel that establishing a higher level of formal accreditation and pushing surveying standards up is of less importance?

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I believe we should try and achieve a high standard in these areas and as you say anyone can call themselves a surveyor. The AVI system has gone some way towards this and I feel we are getting improved results...

CONCERNS:

What must be taken into consideration is that the costs involved...

If further qualification is to be established then this must be taken into account...

...it needs to be fully supported by survey companies and surveyors to gain any traction...

Jeremy Knight  
Chief Operating Officer  
CLIPPER VENTURES Plc

I think it is important that I preface my response with saying that I believe standards are already high, and that is me speaking as a buyer and not a member. However, that is not to say that improvement is undesirable. I would see accreditation as one of many ways of improving standards. Perhaps its greatest value is not the marketability it confers on the Practitioner, but that the IIMS is demonstrating and actioning a commitment to ever improving standards.
Thoughts Overall

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with a code of ethics...
...guidelines and KPIs to benchmark and monitor the accreditation process.

...consider periodic refresher courses/sessions/training to keep the accreditation valid rather than stop it as a one-time initial hurdle.

I am glad you are pushing ahead with this project.

My view would be from an insurer providing the PI insurance to the surveyors and also insurers using these MSP as preferred suppliers, which would be of benefit to the owners, insurers and also assisting in raising standards.