

President's report for the IIMS AGM – 2019

Greetings to all members worldwide. It's been a year already as your president by this summer. I am glad to say we (as IIMS) are building a lot of momentum towards being a credible, reputed and influential organization internationally. We have to continue to grow in stature and have a lot work to do, both commercially and with respect to global reach.

IIMS is looking for a number of volunteers globally and also some fresh names on the managing board.

We understand that giving your precious time suggestion to IIMS towards uplifting the standards of surveying would sound farfetched. The rewards may not be obvious nor instantaneous, but if you feel that standing up for a cause is something that you willfully want, then please make yourself available to the IIMS team at headquarters.

As you may have read in our last "REPORT" published in June, IIMS is going to buy out our present office building. We need your support towards this ambitious project. Please refer to page 38 of the June 2019 REPORT, and see how best you may be able to support IIMS in succeeding in this first mission of its kind.

2019 has started on a positive note already, with a lot of potential for changes. Some of the highlights are as follows:

1. IIMS London conference was back with a hugely successful live streaming to our global membership.
2. New faces at IIMS board – new names proposed.
3. Last AGM we passed the move to buy our own home, and we hope to have the deal concluded by year end 2019.
4. Singapore and Mumbai conferences attended by myself were greatly successful and well received by those whom I interacted with.
5. The IIMS surveyor's accreditation scheme.
6. In line with the growing trends globally we have a surveyor search phone app launched a couple of months ago.
7. Going forward this year we already have great plans to engage with our IIMS global membership base.
 - Singapore Conference (1st week of August 2019)
 - IIMS webinar 24 hrs live streaming.
 - Brisbane conference
 - UAE 10th year as a branch (celebration and a daylong conference with workshops and eCMID training)
 - Marine Surveying Practitioner Accreditation scheme which will be voluntary to make surveyors stand out in their areas of competence upon going through an accreditation process to identify their areas of specialization making them more relevant and potentially sellable.

These are only some of the initiatives, but my question is simple “do you not want to be a stakeholder in this movement?”

IIMS needs many global volunteers – those who are passionate about helping please come forth, I say this emphatically at the cost of being repetitive.

Lastly, I have had the privilege as your President to write a chapter in the sequel of The Nautical Institute’s publication of “Technological Advances in surveying, securing evidence in the era of electronic reporting (GCME Vol 2)”.

This book is due to be published during the second half of 2019, so do be guided in the latest trends of reporting a survey.

I end with thanking all IIMS members and fellows far and wide who have written to me with their suggestions, fellow board members to remain as guiding light to the progress of the institute, Mike Schwarz, Camella Robertson and Hilary Excell at the HQ team who work tirelessly behind the scene to make this Institute function so very efficiently. My personal gratitude goes to all these sincere efforts.

Have a great year ahead and try to pass on the good vibes to other surveyors in your region, our strength lies in growing numbers.

Thank you.

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