

IIMS MEMEBRSHIP REPORT

8TH JUNE 2020

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Following the cull of non-paying members during 2019, the total number of members is now rising and is shown to have risen by 7, from 924 to 931 members over the past year.

The area with the largest decrease, down 12 members from 30 to 18, is seen in Supporting Members.

The highest increase has been in Affiliates, where the number has risen by 18 members from 64 to 82.

All other membership grades are stable.

The number of IIMS Graduates has been fluctuating between 33 and 39 over the past year. Hopefully, the sharp increase in interest in the IIMS Diploma Courses this year will lead to an increase in Graduate numbers.

During the past 3 months of the Coronavirus Lockdown, an increasing amount of interest has been shown by new applicants, with 22 additional members being admitted and a further 37 applications in progress.

Applications continue to be received from all parts of the world, with applications during the last 3 months being received from Australia, Colombia, Croatia, India, Nigeria, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

CHANGES TO SURVEYING EXPERIENCE SHEETS

The following amendments have been made to the Large Commercial Vessel and Cargo Surveying Experience Sheet –

1) Bulk Oil Measurement and Bunker Surveys added – this is to cater for applicants who carry out oil cargo / bunker quantity surveys but do not have the experience of tanker operations to be considered for the current Oil & Chemical Cargo, preparation, loading discharge and cargo care classification.

2) On / Off Hire Surveys added – numerous applicants carry out these surveys and then claim to be Commercial Hull Surveyors. A separate classification will help in avoiding confusion in this area.

3) Non-practicing Surveyor – this has been removed as it serves no purpose.

The following amendment has been made to the Large Yacht & Small Craft Surveying Experience Sheet –

1) K – Small Craft under 24 metres. This main heading has been removed so that surveying experience is listed under the specific areas of K1 to K7.

Further work is being carried out developing the Marine Surveyor App and a review of suitable Surveying Experience Categories is currently ongoing.

PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The PAC continues to monitor all Membership Applications, which are increasingly challenging to process.

Exaggerated claims of surveying experience are now almost the norm. This applies globally.

Poor references that do not support the application are also common. Phrases such as “carries out all types of marine surveys”, “carries out loading and discharging surveys” and “has many years of surveying experience” do nothing support an application.

Due to the loss of PAC members over the past 2 years, 4 additional members have recently been recruited, one to assist with Large Commercial Vessel and Cargo Applications and 3 to assist with Large Yacht and Small Craft.

Holly Trinder is now assisting Cam Robertson with the administrative side of membership applications.

I would like to thank the PAC members for their continuing work and their assistance on maintaining the standards of the FIIMS.

My thanks also go to Cam Robertson, now assisted by Holly, for their administration of the membership process and keeping track of outstanding applications.

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