



**International Institute of Marine Surveying – UAE Branch**  
**Branch Report for year 2021**

**Regional Director's Report for AGM on 08/06/2021.**

Activities at the UAE branch remain a bit subdued after there being just one webinar on the "Ever Given" this year. This event attracted over 60 participants and went on for over an hour and half. Under the circumstances it was considered a good response.

Face to face meetings are still a matter of strict protocol and hence the branch AGM is yet to be conducted this year, which normally takes place during the first quarter of each year.

Currently UAE branch is without any bank account although the entity is registered. Due to low balance of funds the bank has closed the account without any prior notice. Branch Committee members and the treasurer are looking at alternative branch banking options.

There are talk about holding this year's biennial conference in Abu Dhabi in collaboration with the Abu Dhabi Ports at their Maritime training centre. This needs to be pursued keeping a watch on the national Covid response and permissions to enter the Emirate of Abu Dhabi which still remains restricted needing a Covid free and vaccination compulsion.

This remains the branch' last ditch effort this year to collect funds for sustainability.

UAE Branch chairman and committee members remain extremely busy in their own work either to sustain business or their Jobs. Dedication to IIMS activities remains low this year, understandably so.

There is no deputy chairman elected this year at the UAE branch.

There is an in country rep for Qatar narrowed down and possibly by early next year shall be ready to be proposed for consideration in the region.

Oman and Saudi Arabia remain on the watch list for a suitable in country rep for IIMS.

To sum it up, a slow start to the year with just one webinar in the bag but with the potential of activities steaming up later this year.

Thank You

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