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Dear Colleague

I write this column as Chairman of the Institution of Diagnostic Engineers (DIAGS) at a time of sadness for our long-standing organisation. And in doing so, I am turning to you and appealing for your help and support to re-establish DIAGS as a force once again in the marketplace.

Businesses more often than not fail due to a lack of innovation and inward management thinking. Sadly, DIAGS has been a victim of both in recent times and, whilst hindsight is a valuable commodity, when it became clear how deep the challenges we faced were, it was too late to save the organisation in its present form.

A couple of years ago, the DIAGS Council entered into dialogue with the International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS) and their subsidiary the Marine Surveying Academy Ltd. Our initial discussions centred around asking IIMS to help us breathe new life into the organisation by managing certain aspects of the business. And they did step up to the mark by developing a new logo, launching a new DIAGS website and a vibrant magazine format.

As time marched on and we realised DIAGS could not survive in its present format, we turned to IIMS for rather more radical assistance.

I should point out that both Jeffrey and I are long-standing members of IIMS. We have both been highly impressed with the work the IIMS team has done to rejuvenate their institute, which was in a similarly parlous state as DIAGS just a few years ago, under the innovative leadership of Chief Executive Officer, Mike Schwarz. So, an agreement has been struck and IIMS subsidiary, the Marine Surveying Academy Ltd, has acquired the assets of DIAGS and they will be taking the organisation forward.

Jeffrey and I will still be around in the background as part of the Advisory Panel and hope to hear from you and will, of course, be taking a keen interest in the redevelopment of DIAGS. The plans to re-energise the organisation are exciting. I hope you will be inspired as you turn the pages of this brochure and will choose to join us as we embark on this adventure so that, one day, we may celebrate the next forty years of DIAGS!

A handwritten signature in red ink, reading "Elliott Berry". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the beginning.

Regards

Elliott Berry, Chairman

Dip.Mar.Sur., RMS., RMC., FIIMS., F.IDiag.E., MNI., AMRINA., ARSPH., NACE



Dear Colleague

As you may well be aware, the Institution of Diagnostic Engineers (known affectionately as DIAGS by most) was founded in April 1981 by the late Dr. Ralph Collacott.

He defined the role of the diagnostic engineer as:

A diagnostic engineer is any person capable of contribution to the art or science of determining the existence of a problem in machinery, plant, system or structure and/or appraising the cause(s) of a failure, which may have taken place and/or assessing the condition or vulnerability of such machinery, plant, system or structure either during use or while under development. I think that description is as true today as it was then.

I can trace my relationship with DIAGS back to 2009. In the early days I was a proud member of an organisation that set out to recognise the status of the professional diagnostic engineer, something it did successfully. Being able to use postnominal letters to enable me to stand out from others in the marine sector was invaluable to me.

I became President of DIAGS in 2010 and am proud to have served, supported, and contributed to the organisation over that time.

Time moves on though, and I am sad to inform you that DIAGS has hit the buffers, leaving the Directors with no alternative but to close the business in its current form. Put simply, the membership fees were, in my opinion, set far too low for too long to generate sufficient revenues to enable innovations to be advanced to keep the organisation fresh, flourishing, and relevant.

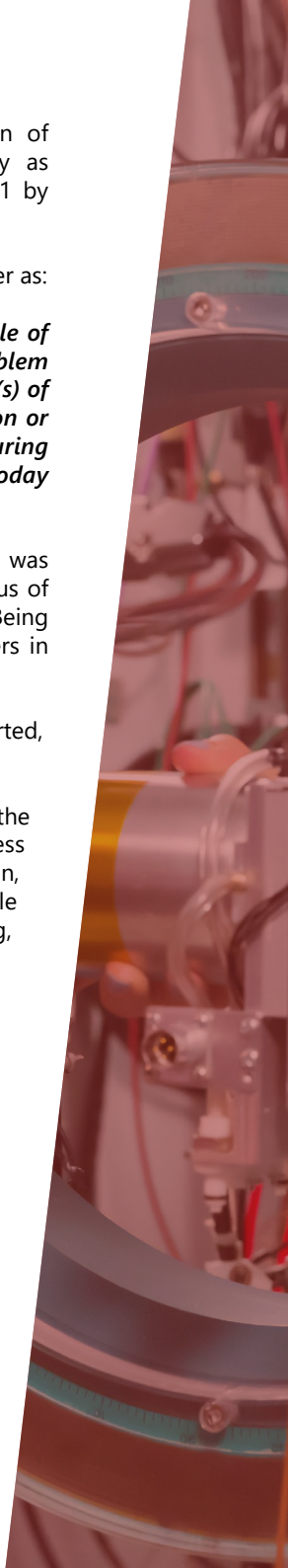
DIAGS is celebrating its 40th anniversary and the need for a professional body of its kind has never been more acute, or necessary, than it is today given the transformational change the engineering profession is going through. Learning new skills and advancing knowledge has never been more important for the professional diagnostic engineer.

I hope you will choose to engage with the new guardians of the DIAGS brand, who are well known to me, and will choose to continue your association with this venerable organisation by renewing your subscription.

Regards

Eur. Ing. Jeffrey Casciani-Wood

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Dear Colleague

I feel like an interloper, gate crashing the fortieth DIAGS birthday party. But having the opportunity to breathe new life into the unique Institution of Diagnostic Engineers (or DIAGS as it is known by many) excites me. It is a big responsibility and carries with it a duty to those who have been loyal and associated with the organisation for years.

Having been involved with the DIAGS council in recent months, it was apparent right from the start that it is a great brand that has sadly fallen on hard times. DIAGS is a special organisation to many and one that I believe is worth saving.

As you will read in Elliott's column, we have achieved great success with IIMS in recent years and I intend to deploy similar mechanisms as a blueprint and template to reboot and reposition DIAGS as an organisation that professional diagnostic engineers will aspire to be associated with. And there is no more fitting time to do this than now as DIAGS turns 40!

Moving into the next phase of DIAGS' development, it will no longer be a membership organisation. I am inviting you to subscribe - renewable annually - to the new look professional body for diagnostic engineers worldwide.

And remember, to maintain your right to use existing POSTNOMINAL letters it will be necessary to engage with my colleagues and subscribe.

We need to ensure that DIAGS is relevant to diagnostic engineers from all disciplines, for you are part of a broad-church covering many different industry sectors. As we move further into 2022, expect to see more announcements as we add extra benefits to subscribers. This will include access to new learning opportunities, event information and a semi regular newsletter. We have just released edition 200 of the Institution's magazine, Diagnostic Engineering. You will find a link to access and read it on the DAIGS website.

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If you would like to be part of DIAGS going forward, it is imperative that you engage with my colleagues who will be happy to assist. Once you establish contact, we can arrange to invoice you and start your new subscription with immediate effect. If we do not hear from you, we plan to archive your details.

I hope you will join us on this new journey and look forward to hearing from you.

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Mike Schwarz
Chief Executive Officer

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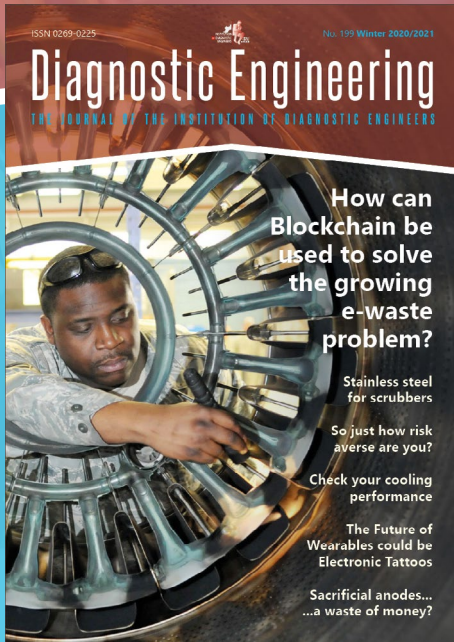
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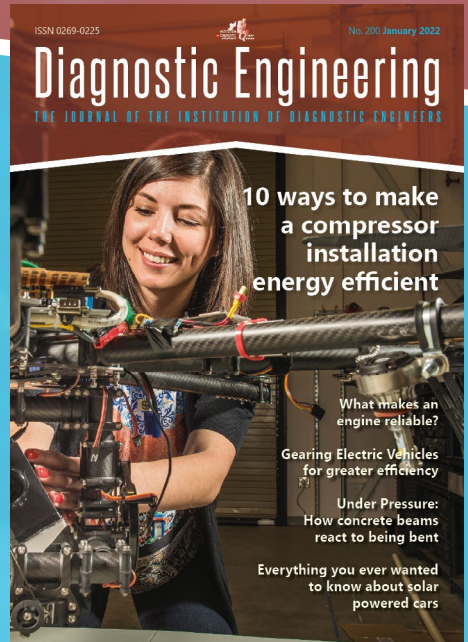
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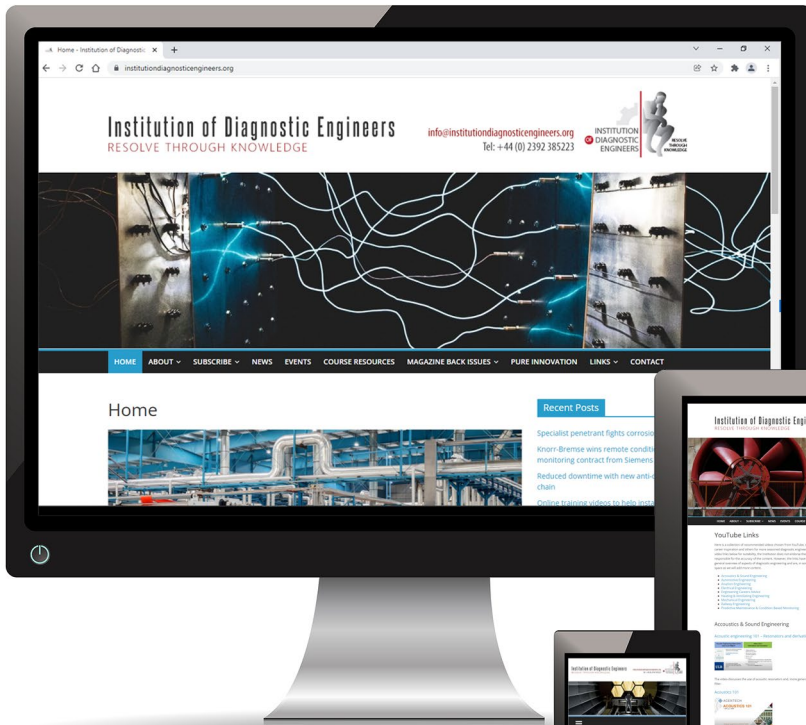
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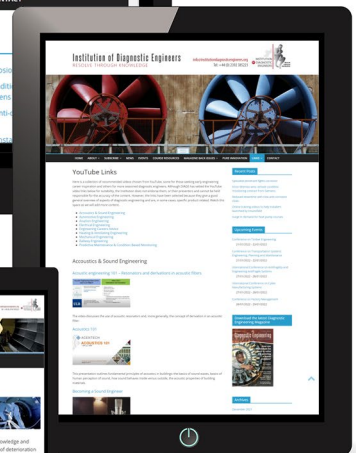
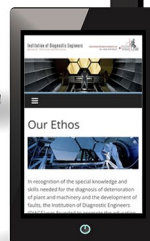
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