

IIMS MEMEBRSHIP REPORT FOR 2022 AGM

7TH JUNE 2022

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

After reaching a peak of 1019 members in August 2021, the IIMS membership currently stands at 1007 members. Applications for membership dropped dramatically from the last quarter of 2021 onwards.

Applications continue to arrive from all over the world, with no evidence of a fall in applications from any specific region being noted to date.

There has been a total increase of 7 members, or 0.7%, on the membership level in June 2021.

Changes in numbers by membership grades since the 2021 AGM are as follows:-

	<u>1st June 2021</u>	<u>27th May 2022</u>	<u>Changes</u>	
			<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Fellow	37	36	- 1	- 2.8%
Full Member	538	541	+ 3	+ 0.8%
Associate Member	148	151	+ 3	+ 2.0%
Corporate Supporting	36	36	0	0
Individual Supporting	22	19	- 3	+ 13.6%
Affiliate	122	135	+ 13	+ 10.7%
Technician	52	51	- 1	- 1.9%
Graduate	<u>45</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>- 7</u>	<u>- 15.6%</u>
<u>Total Members</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>1007</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+ 0.7%</u>

There are currently 30 applications in progress, although not all these applications are guaranteed to be successful.

Affiliate Membership continues to account for the biggest rise in members, rising by 13 from 122 to 135 over the past year.

Technician, Corporate and Supporting membership figures have remained around the same level for some time.

Technician Grade applications come mainly from the graduates of the MSA Coating and Insulation Inspector Courses. These courses have been severely restricted by the COVID pandemic during the last 2 years.

Although, since the last AGM, most applications have been from European and Asian based applicants, there continues to be a steady stream of applications from Africa, Australia and from North America.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CPD was discussed at length at the last PAC Meeting held on 19th April this year.

The requirement for CPD Points has been increased from 10 to 15 points following the vote at the 2021 AGM. Several members had already gained 15 CPD points for 2022 by the date of the PAC Meeting in April.

The CPD system is monitored and comments from members are evaluated. The range of “Ad Hoc” claims for CPD points is currently being investigated to identify similarities to other set categories with a view to ensuring that comparable ad hoc CPD items are granted comparable CPD points. It is up to the claimant to explain the relevance of “Ad Hoc” CPD claims.

A significant proportion of IIMS members continue not to engage with the CPD programme.

NEW SURVEYING EXPERIENCE CATEGORIES

The revised Surveying Experience Categories has been fully implemented.

The idea behind the revision was to enable surveyor to have a more accurate indication of their surveying experience posted on the IIMS website.

PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The PAC now consists of 20 members, with 3 additional / replacement members joining in 2022.

The committee consists of 8 Large Commercial Vessel and Cargo members, 11 Large Yacht and Small Vessel members and 1 Corrosion and Coatings member.

Each application is vetted by at least 2 PAC members. In cases where an applicant claims an unusually wide range of surveying expertise, the application is reviewed by additional suitably experienced PAC members to ensure that an accurate assessment can be made.

In cases where an applicant contests the decision of the PAC, the application is reviewed independently by different assessors.

The system continues to work well and has been found to be effective.

As always, I would like to thank the PAC members for their continuing work and their assistance on maintaining the standards of the IIMS.

My thanks also go to Cam Robertson for her administration of the membership process and keeping track of outstanding applications.

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