

International Institute of Marine Surveying – UAE Branch

Branch Report for year 2021 – 2022

Date: 02/06/2022

INTRODUCTION:

The UAE branch of IIMS was started in 2007 by a handful of dedicated Marine surveyors. It is through the efforts of the past Chairmen and especially the Regional Director, Capt. Zarir Irani the branch has made steady progress and regular activities, including training workshops, meetings, seminars and networking events throughout these years. In this regard, we need to acknowledge the efforts of the Past Chairmen and members as follows:

Past Charimen:

Capt. Khalid
Capt. Gopal Khanna
Mr. Uday Moorthi
Capt. Peter Valles
Capt Omprakash Marayil
Mr Robertas Vjuzaninas

Past Committee Members:

Mrs. Bharati Bhagnani
Capt. Sirpreet Kahlon
Mr Sujith Joseph
Capt. Nikhil Saxena

We also need to acknowledge the efforts of the various members who volunteered to assist in the sub committees and in the organising of events. In this regard, we specially acknowledge the contribution of Rohan Moorthi, Vinay Mathur and the staff of Constellation Marine Services for assisting the Branch in the Admin work.

The employees of Constellation Marine has been a constant support to the Branch and have been assisting the Branch on various occasions such as setting up the software, Admin works, maintaining accounts and data base - Vicky, Daisy, Anne, Bhanu, to name a few.

The past Chairman was Mr Robertas Vjuzaninas, who had to relocate to Doha, Qatar during 2021 and hence the undersigned took over as Ad hoc Charman for this period till the next AGM, wherein the new Chairman and Committee would be installed.

The present Committee members are:

Capt. Omprakash Marayil : Chairman
Mr Joel : Vice Chairman
Mr Rohan Moorthi : Secretary
Mrs. Bharati Bhagnani : Treasurer

Capt Peter Valles, Mr. Uday Moorthi remain as honorary members of the committee.

Capt Zarir Irani is the Regional Director for the region and remain as the strongest support and pillar of IIMS UAE Branch.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEARS 2021-2022:

The Branch had minimum activities during the last year, mainly owing to the pandemic and also due to issues in the licencing and bank accounts. Presently the branch has renewed the licence and has a new Bank Account with the bank of Baroda.

The Chairman had to relocate to Qatar and other members were busy with the remote working patterns during the pandemic.

However, we have revived back the branch with a web meeting held on 21st September 2021, wherein the present committee was nominated.

The branch also participated in support for the "Safety At Sea" conference held by Tristar group during the Dubai Expo at the Indian Pavilion on 08th December 2021.

Another committee meeting was held on 24th March 2022 at Quest Marine office and plans for organising the next AGM event and support sponsorship was discussed.

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership for the branch has not increased much and has been maintained steady at about 25.

SUPPORT SPONSORSHIP:

We are planning to re-initiate a support sponsorship program , inviting companies to become support sponsors so as to have sufficient funds to organise own events and topics of common interest rather than depend on companies to sponsor the entire event and speak on topics of their interest.

The support sponsorship package is charged at Dirhams 1,500/- (Yearly), wherein the sponsor company would be provided the below benefits:

- 3 invites from the sponsor company for all our events during this term.
- Banner / display stand of the sponsor company for all our networking events.
- List the company/Logo in our invites for the events as a support sponsor

We have already had committee members coming forward with the support sponsorship, with Mr. Uday Moorthi, Capt Peter Valles and Capt Omprakash subscribing to this support sponsorship program.

FUTURE PLANS, EVENTS & PROPOSALS:

Below listed are some proposals and suggestions, which we would need the full approval, advise and support of the head quarters before even taking the next step ahead. We hope this would be discussed and decided to move ahead with these proposals:

1. The AGM and event planned with sponsorship from M/s Advanced Watertek and presentations from Mr Unnikrishnan, Manager ABS on "Hybrid Power Systems in the Offshore Industry". This event was initially planned on 16th June, but now postponed to 28th June 2022.
2. The main event ahead is the Biannual seminar which is planned for November 2022. We have planned with support from Abu Dhabi Maritime Training Center at their premises. We still need to finalise the topics/speakers and most importantly have the sponsorship to take us through the event.
3. There is an acute need to increase the membership and a more vigorous drive would be initiated to increase membership. However, for this, we would need to provide the added perks in being an IIMS member and this would require us in meeting with port authorities, Insurance authorities, etc, to impress them that they would be safe to follow IIMS membership as a criterion to enforce the requirements for companies to carry out surveys in their premises and/or for their client.

Conclusion:

To conclude this report, we look forward to all guidance and support from the head quarters and the previous office bearers/honorary members to take this branch forward in the same proactive path taken so far.

Thanking you,
Sincere regards,

Date: 02/06/2022
Place: Dubai, UAE

Capt. Omprakash MARAYIL
Chairman, IIMS UAE Branch

Verified & confirmed by: Capt. Zarir Irani (Regional Director of IIMS)

