

As Mike has already said, we have recorded a podcast which was a very nice way as an introduction to this role. I am truly honored to be elected as President of IIMS and to be here today in person, it is very nice to be together and fantastic to receive this Presidents medal from Geoff and the Institute.

Thank you to Geoff for steering the ship through these last two turbulent years. We have come a very long way through the strange time of COVID. As an organization we have a much more solid foundation with the acquisition of Murrills House, which we now own, and is looking fantastic today, its wonderful to be here.

I hope I can continue to build on the success and legacy from Geoff and former Presidents some of which we have in the room today, thank you for joining us, I have big shoes to fill.

I hope I can support Mike and the IIMS permanent staff in building our professional reputation, which we have been talking about, as a leading professional body and driving the diverse membership that we have and hopefully helping to increase coverage in the Asia Pacific region, I believe it is an area we need to address.

As Her Majesty the Queen has demonstrated her 70 years of service, I hope I can serve the IIMS for the next two years as your President and represent you in Asia Pacific Region as well as in the UK. I do mean serve the IIMS because we are an organisation that has direction; we have professional permanent staff led by Mike and I can help Mike, with the large commercial vessel sector to see where we can go in the next two years.

And finally, I would like to finish by thanking Geoff on behalf of the membership for all his support not just as President but also in regard to his other roles and his ongoing support of the organisation as a business and the close work with Mike and the IIMS HQ staff.

Thank you, Geoff