

So much for 2020...

The last few months have been challenging for us all and we have all had to adapt to a new way of doing things. The Southern Joint Branch is no different with branch activities all but grinding to a halt with the cancellelation of both our President's Drinks Reception and the last four technical lectures of our 2019/2021 programme and we have had to change the way we do things. Our June and September meetings were held using Zoom and professional review interviews also moved online. During this time we continued to plan our 2020/2021 lecture programme (more on that later) and come up with ways of meeting the needs of our members whilst also keeping them safe.



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Lecture programme

The decision has been taken to move all our technical lectures online for the foreseeable future. We will be using the Zoom Webinar platform which will allow you to attend our lectures from the comfort of your home or less comfortable office. We realise that this is not ideal for all our members for a number of reasons and rest assured as soon as we are able, we will return to holding physical lectures. All technical visits have been postponed until further notice.

Registration for lectures will be via EventBrite as usual - follow us on EventBrite to receive notifications of upcoming lectures.



The first three lectures of the 2020/2021 programme are as follows;

- Numerical Investigation on Dynamic Coupling of FLNG LNG Carriers - 8th October 2020
- 2nd Generation Intact Stability Criteria 10th November 2020
- Mitigation of Surf Riding and Broaching Events for Small Pilot Vessels - 10th December 2020

"Scientists study the world as it is; engineers create the world that has never been"

THEODORE VON KARMEN



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Social Events

We regret to announce that the 2020 Annual Dinner has been cancelled. We hope to return in 2021 and look forward to seeing you. All individuals who would have received a free ticket to the 2020 Annual Dinner such as our lecture speakers and the branch members with 45 years of service will receive free tickets to the next Annual Dinner. We still intend to award the various prizes that are normally presented at the Annual Dinner.

We are tentatively planning to hold the 2021 President's Drinks Reception in May but this is subject to change.



Early Career Professionals

It will not be possible to hold in-person ECP events for the foreseeable future however we encourage all members to share posts in our LinkedIn group which will aid and benefit early career professionals and student members.

We have also committed to increasing participation by early career professionals in the technical lecture programme and we are delighted to announce that the first lecture will be given by Jideofor Collins Nwafor who is a PhD researcher in Marine Engineering at Newcastle University.

"The engineer has been, and is, a maker of history"

JAMES KIP FINCH



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Professional Development

The branch is continuing to hold professional review interviews and there have been slight changes to the process;

RINA

The application process for a candidate for registration still goes via HQ's application process. Upon successful consideration by the membership committee, the SJB's RINA PRI co-ordinator will contact the candidate and the interviewers to arrange a Zoom/Teams/Skype meeting.

IMarEST

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Get Involved

We are looking for volunteers to join the Council at the AGM in February; in particular we need to fill the following vacancies;

- Technical Secretary
- Social Secretary
- ECP Representative

If you are interested in any of these or just being a member of the Council then please contact the Honorary Secretary at honsec@southernjointbranch.co.uk

Stay Connected

To receive updates about branch events and news, follow us on EventBrite (search for RINA & IMarEST Southern Joint Branch) and join our LinkedIn group (Southern Joint Branch of RINA & IMarEST)

You can also find information at our website;

www.southernjointbranch.co.uk

"Strive for perfection in everything you do. Take the best that exists and make it better. When it does not exist, design it."

SIR HENRY ROYCE



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