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Dear Members,

Welcome all to the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Malta Joint Branch of The Royal Institute of Naval Architects and the Institute of Marine Engineers, Scientists and Technologists. In this my first chairmanship of the Joint Branch I found many changes since my time as Secretary; changes that give me immense satisfaction to see young blood and a still active marine activity in Malta with you all as participants.

With the valued assistance of the officers we have had one lecture during the year aimed at placing a focus and value of the marine environment and the various organisms colonising the blue that we all depend upon to maintain a quality of life that we desire and deserve.

The intention was to delve from the technical and academic and promote consciousness and appreciation of the natural resources rather than concentrate on the relevant maritime conventions, norms, rules and regulations impressed upon the maritime community with the same objective of protection and conservation.

This was what I perceived as a variation in the course of the Joint Branch affairs and approach to meet the objectives of disseminating knowledge through interest.

To this effect I would propose for the future, for the officers to be given further support. I propose for a number of Council members to take ownership of and undertake a pre-defined commitment or task set. This will enable improved performance as a team as against the occasional effort.

To this effect I would submit my proposal to the Council.

I would finally extend my appreciation and thanks to the Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer for their guidance and support.

Angelo Attard
Chairman