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**APPLICATIONS FROM  
THE INTERNATIONAL HARBOUR MASTERS' ASSOCIATION (IHMA) and  
THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
(IMarEST)  
TO BE GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS  
AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Reference: IHO Resolution 5/1957 as amended - *IHO Relations with other Organizations*.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Directing Committee has received applications from the International Harbour Masters' Association (IHMA) and the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) to be granted observer status as non-governmental international organizations (NGIO). The Directing Committee has examined the applications and is satisfied that both organizations meet the requirements for accreditation as an NGIO as described in IHO Resolution 5/1957, as amended.

2. **IHMA**

The IHMA is a not-for-profit professional body comprising Harbour Masters from around the world. The Association has 200 members in 40 countries. Its objectives include the promotion of the safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sound conduct of marine operations in port waters. IHMA enjoys observer status at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and has already signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), the International Maritime Pilots Association IMPA and the Nautical Institute, thereby enabling active cooperation and collaborative discussion and input to those organizations. More information about the IHMA may be found at [www.harbourmaster.org](http://www.harbourmaster.org).

3. **IMarEST**

The IMarEST is an international membership body for marine professionals operating in the spheres of marine engineering, science or technology. It is the largest marine organization of its kind with a worldwide membership based in over 100 countries. IMarEST has many divisions and branches located across the globe; it enjoys observer status at the IMO and has special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). The mission of IMarEST is to work within the global marine community to promote the scientific development of marine engineering, science and technology, providing opportunities for the exchange of ideas and practices and upholding the status, standards and knowledge of marine professionals worldwide. IMarEST counts numerous hydrographic professionals amongst its members and provides independent assessment of the professionalism of these hydrographers through its professional technologist registers and through its accreditation of further education and training courses. More information about IMarEST may be found at [www.imarest.org](http://www.imarest.org).

4. The Directing Committee is confident that the IHMA and the IMarEST will contribute positively to the work of the IHO, particularly by providing outreach, feedback and expert contributor opportunities in sections of the IHO stakeholder community that are currently not represented in the IHO.

5. Member States are kindly invited to consider these two applications for accreditation as NGOs and to submit any objections or comments that they might have **by 8 August 2014**. Subsequently, the Directing Committee will notify the IHMA and IMarEST of the outcome of its consultation with IHO Member States.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,  
Yours sincerely,



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President