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# Introduction from the CEO

**Dear eCMID AVI**

Welcome to this first eCMID newsletter.

When I first discussed the idea of an accreditation scheme with IMCA colleagues back in early 2014 for those carrying out CMID inspections as they were then (eCMIDS as they are now), I had no idea that the scheme would flourish so positively in the subsequent years. Back then the clamour from vessel owners and operators in the offshore sector, before the collapse and downturn occurred, was reaching fever pitch. Clean up the sector so that those boarding a vessel to conduct an eCMID could prove their competency to do the inspection was their implicit message.

So, as I look back now as we recently celebrated the third anniversary of the eCMID AVI scheme, I feel a sense of pride and satisfaction, but not complacency! Developing a world-class accreditation scheme that remains fit for purpose, capable of withstanding the test of time, is flexible, yet has a robustness to it has been no easy task. Initial scepticism has long gone, yet the learnings along the way have been both steep and challenging at times. IMCA has made significant changes to the eCMID process too and we have adapted to accommodate those where necessary.

At the time of writing I can confirm that we have now accredited over 440 AVIs. In total, over 520 inspectors have come forward to be recognised. Some have failed, but that is as it should be with a scheme such as this. Only those who have been able to provide objective evidence to satisfy the peer group assessors have gained the badge.

I believe this is one of the main reasons why major vessel owners and operators, including Ørsted Energy, Siemens and Swedish energy giant, Vattenfall, have all publicly stated that they will always seek to use accredited AVIs.

Nearly 400 inspectors have been trained at one of over 30 worldwide courses we have run under the guidance of lead trainer, Ian Coates. Surprisingly, around 100 have taken the training but have yet to formalise their accreditation application.

I would also like to record my thanks to my colleagues, who work tirelessly on your behalf, to administer and manage the scheme. They are Hilary Excell, MSA Director and Business Manager, who is ably supported by Pui Si Chung and Sharon Holland.

This year we have run two successful AVI seminars in London and Singapore that have been well attended. We will continue this theme next year, so watch out for details. We are also committed to further building and developing the eCMID AVI community for your benefit too.

Regards,

**Mike Schwarz**, Chief Executive Officer, IIMS & MSA

# CPD – what is it and how is it different to the day job?



All our AVIs must follow a programme of CPD (Continuing Professional Development) to maintain their accreditation, but what exactly is CPD? What does it mean to you and how does it differ to your day job?

We believe that CPD is the process of developing your profession, skills and knowledge to enhance your abilities beyond your existing skill set. This promotes intentional proactive learning and development of your knowledge in a professional context.

AVIs are required to renew and maintain their accreditation by submitting a claim for CPD points and providing a copy of their logbook detailing their inspections completed in the last year.

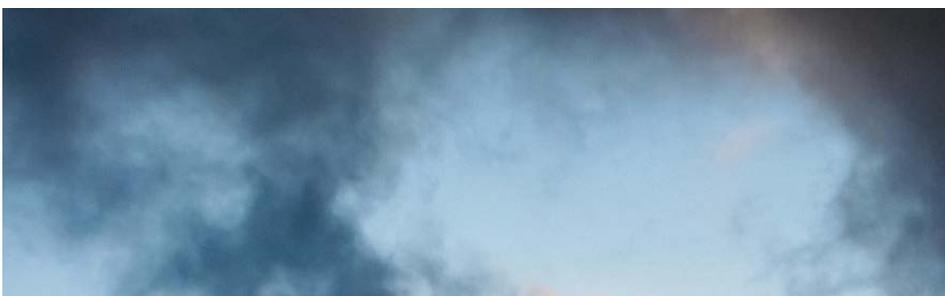
- **CPD Points** - Complete a CPD record sheet or download our recently launched eCMID CPD App available on Android / iOS
- **Logbook** - Forward a scan of their completed logbook or submit a copy electronically by following this link: <https://form.jotformeu.com/71723159620353>

AVIs are expected to achieve a minimum of 10 CPD points accrued over a fixed one-year period from the date of their annual renewal, e.g. 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2018. After the one-year term the accrued points will be reset back to zero.

The annual renewal fee of £190.00 may be paid by bank transfer, credit card or cheque. A renewal reminder will be sent around a month before your annual renewal date.

Please note that as of January 2018, only AVIs who have completed their renewal will have access to the IMCA eCMID database to upload reports.

For further information about CPD, you can visit this link on the eCMID website: <https://bit.ly/2IEISMn>

The screenshot shows the eCMID CPD app interface. The top section is titled 'Points Table' and lists activities with their corresponding point values. The bottom section is titled 'About eCMID CPD' and provides information about the programme.

Activity	Points
Subscription to a marine publication, journal or magazine Maximum two per year permitted	1 Point
Visiting a technical exhibition, or other recognised maritime related show Maximum two per year permitted	1 Point
Researching a relevant technical subject or seeking advice on technical helplines Verification and/or proof will be required	1 Point
Supervising and mentoring a new eCMID AVI	2 Points

**About eCMID CPD**

Welcome to the eCMID Continuing Professional Development Programme

The eCMID Accredited Vessel Inspector (AVI) Scheme requires its Inspectors to pursue a programme of Continuous Professional Development, thus enabling them to maintain their knowledge base, standards and competency levels proving to both the scheme managers and those who engage AVIs that they are current in the market place. The Continuous Professional Development programme has been endorsed by IMCA and is a mandatory requirement for Inspectors if they wish to maintain their accreditation. Up-to-date Continuous Professional Development records will be necessary for any Inspector who is seeking to renew their AVI status annually.

Managing the Continuous Professional Development programme is the responsibility of the Marine Surveying Academy management team and their decision on all matters concerning CPD is final. Continuing Professional Development and the eCMID AVI programme are managed through the Marine Surveying Academy head office team based in Portchester UK.

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# Introducing the new CPD app



## Introducing the eCMID Continuing Professional Development App

The Marine Surveying Academy (MSA) has launched a new App that has been designed specifically to help eCMID Accredited Vessel Inspectors maintain their annual Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points simply and efficiently.

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Each AVI has their own unique login details and are encouraged to claim points in real time. AVIs can keep track of their CPD accounts at any time to see the points that have been allocated and review how they plan to achieve the remaining points.

### Accessing the CPD App by Android or iOS

- Android: Go to Google Play Store and search eCMID CPD. Click INSTALL.
- iOS: Go to App Store and search eCMID CPD. Click on GET and then INSTALL.

Claim Points



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# Focus on eCMID

eCMID is the electronic Common Marine Inspection Document.

IMCA (International Marine Contractors Association) appointed MSA to manage the eCMID accreditation scheme for vessel inspectors and auditors. Part of the requirement for accreditation is for AVIs to attend an eCMID AVI validation course within 2 years of becoming accredited. These 1-day courses are held in the UK, Europe and Worldwide. They are delivered by professional tutors and you will take away with you an enhanced understanding of eCMID, as well as learning with your peers plus networking opportunities.

Our eCMID AVI validation courses for the remainder of 2018 are planned as follows:

Monday 10th December – Norway – Comfort Hotel Bergen Airport

Wednesday 12th December – Hong Kong – location to be confirmed

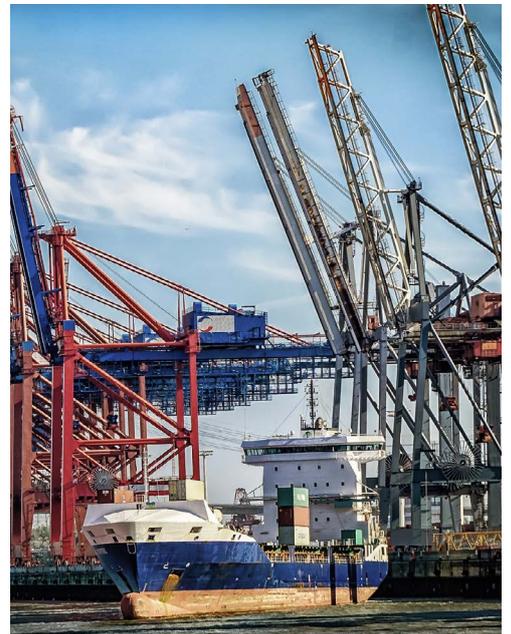
Did you know... we also have a LinkedIn forum specifically about eCMID where you can share and gain feedback, as well as expand your networking opportunities.

For further information please visit the link at: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/marine-surveying-academy-ltd>.

## The eCMID AVI electronic log book

We no longer issue the IMCA hardback log books as we have now moved to a more user and ethically friendly method of recording your inspections via an electronic log book.

The log book can be accessed by following this link: <https://form.jotformeu.com/71723159620353>



# Report on the two 2018 Seminars: London and Singapore

## **London – 22nd May 2018**

The third eCMID Accredited Vessel Inspector Seminar took place at Heathrow Airport, London. The event attracted an audience of around 50 delegates with some delegates attending online. The Seminar was hailed a great success by all who attended it judging by feedback received afterwards.

A strong delegation from IMCA, owners and developers of the eCMID standard was present. Mark Ford, IMCA Technical Manager, gave an update on the eCMID eDatabase and other new announcements hot off the press regarding the scheme. He was supported by fellow IMCA colleagues Adam Hugo and Jordan Lawler.

Some of the topics discussed were the reactivation and inspection of DP vessels, the eCMID DP supplement and the challenges of inspecting windfarm vessels from an operator's perspective.

## **Singapore – 31st July to 2nd August 2018**

For the second consecutive year, IIMS organised and hosted a three-day event in Singapore, introduced personally by Mike Schwarz, CEO.

On the first day MSA held an eCMID AVI course which proved successful with a mix of potential and existing AVIs. Excellent feedback was received, and a very high percentage of delegates passed with flying colours!

Day two proved to be very successful with the eCMID Seminar, which proved extremely popular and included a range of guest speakers from the industry. Presentations included key learnings from the eCMID AVI courses, eCMID eDatabase updates with Qs & As, news about offshore wind farms and reactivation surveys and DP vessels.

Day three saw IIMS hold their Seminar, again proving very successful with key speakers, including our very own President of IIMS, Capt Zarir Irani. Presentations included shortage and misdeclaration claims, disruptive technologies for surveying in a new era, problems encountered when operating mobile offshore drilling units and the role of a P&I Surveyor.

**Plans are currently being made for Seminars in 2019, so please do watch this space!**



# Important Notification from IMCA regarding eCMID



Dear colleagues,

IMCA is pleased to announce the availability of an updated suite of eCMID question sets and other related materials:

- **eCMID/eMISW question sets** – Issue 11 of the eCMID and issue 4 of the eMISW are now available within the eCMID application. Many thanks to all those who provided feedback during the recent consultation process – this has been used to further enhance the revisions, which include:
  - New questions on cyber security
  - A new eCMID section on the Maritime Labour Convention
  - An extra optional supplement to the eCMID, covering vessel reactivation after a period of lay-up
  - Removal of repeat or redundant questions
  - Updates to reflect regulatory and technological developments
  - Changes to watermarks to reinforce that only online reports are now recognised by IMCA.
- **Guidance on the IMCA eCMID system** – IMCA M 167 has been fully rewritten to act as the single point of reference for official IMCA policy and guidance on the inspection process and use of reports. The previously separate explanatory texts from the eCMID and eMISW have been moved to this document, while ‘how to’ user guides to the website and software have been removed.
- **Information and support website** – IMCA has developed a new resource, providing a range of information on the eCMID system, including task-focused user guides and an archive of the latest system communications.
  - This will be further enhanced in the coming days and weeks as we add PDF downloads and YouTube videos to the user guides.
  - We would welcome submission of vessel/inspection-related images to help illustrate the site.

The new versions are all accessible via [www.imcaecmid.com](http://www.imcaecmid.com) – click the green ‘Database’ or ‘View database’ links to access the familiar database website.

Regards,

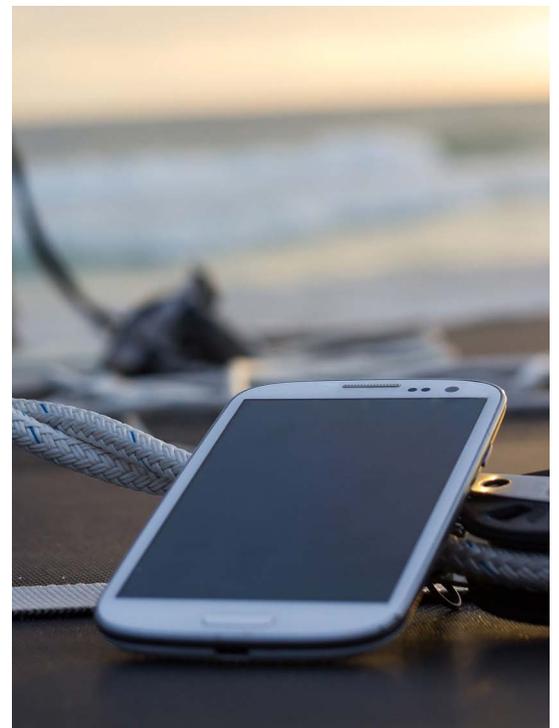
**Mark Ford**  
Technical Manager

# IIMS membership opportunities for you...

As an AVI, are you aware you automatically qualify as a member of the IIMS (International Institute of Marine Surveying) at Technician Level? The benefits of the membership include access to industry news and knowledge, peer networking opportunities plus continuing professional development, as well as training and education opportunities. You would also receive a listing on the IIMS website and the global recognition of the IIMS as a standard bearer within the marine surveying industry.

To find out more please visit the link at <https://bit.ly/2O57nlf>

For non-AVIs, you are able to join as a member of the IIMS. You can download the PDF here to find out more: <https://bit.ly/2CQ1U2a>



## Your topical story or case study here!

In our next newsletter we would really like to feature YOUR story, be it an interesting fact you would like to impart with your fellow AVIs, or perhaps a particularly difficult inspection you've recently undertaken. Anything really that is 'news', even if it is of benefit or not! Please do share and get in touch - email Sharon Holland on [courses@marinesurveyingacademy.com](mailto:courses@marinesurveyingacademy.com)



## Useful websites eCMID: <https://bit.ly/2FK4Xqj>

MSA (Marine Surveying Academy): <https://bit.ly/2yf5iPq>

IIMS (International Institute of Marine Surveyors): <https://bit.ly/2y0nH3f>

IMCA (International Marine Contractors Association): <https://bit.ly/2gGhFPe>

## Information and contact details

For more information on the various schemes and accreditation projects, please visit our websites:

**Marine Surveying Academy**  
[www.marinesurveyingacademy.com](http://www.marinesurveyingacademy.com)

**International Registered  
Marine Insulation Inspectors**  
[www.irmii.co.uk](http://www.irmii.co.uk)

**Registered Marine Coatings Inspectors**  
[www.rmciinspectors.com](http://www.rmciinspectors.com)

**eCMID Vessel Accreditation Scheme**  
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