

# IMarEST and SUT First Partners

The first step towards creating a global federation uniting professional and learned societies within the Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (MEST) world has been taken with the signing of an agreement between the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) and the Society for Underwater Technology (SUT). SUT is a society comprising some 1,600 members and has always sought to bring together all aspects of MEST in the sub-sea area. Negotiations are ongoing with a number of suitably qualified learned and professional societies and it is hoped that next in line will be one of the senior marine science bodies. Others are expected to follow suit. Co-operation between the IMarEST and SUT will cover five key areas: membership, governance, publications, events and marketing.

The move towards federation in the MEST sector is analogous with the establishment of the Science Council. This development saw several scientific institutions, including the IMarEST, the Institute of Physics, the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Institution of Chemical Engineers come together in order to co-ordinate their efforts in serving a constituency comprising some 150,000 individual scientists and technologists all over the world. A new Federal log is being created and will eventually feature a growing number of learned and professional society letterheads.

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