

IMCA Annual Seminar 2015 Programme Launched

The 19th IMCA Annual Seminar, being held 27-28 October 2015 in Abu Dhabi, UAE, has the theme “A Health Check for the Marine Contracting Industry”™ and will see speakers tackling topics such as the challenge of adding value not cost; the latest operational and technological advances “in the fields of marine, diving, ROV and offshore survey; and discuss the need to get back to basics to operate safely and efficiently in difficult economic times. The full programme is available and registration is now open.

The Seminar combines plenary sessions; technical presentations in three parallel sessions; workshops on technical issues and networking opportunities both during the day within the exhibition hall and in the evenings. There will be a welcome reception the night before the event opens, an Arabian Nights Desert Safari at the end of the first day of the event and a closing night beach BBQ.

This year’s seminar has a strong list of endorsing organisations – ADCI, DCSA (China Diving & Salvage Contractors Association), The Hydrographic Society; IADC, the Dynamic Positioning Committee, The Nautical Institute, The Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) and the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP).

Relevant Programme

Following the opening keynote addresses on the ‘Health Check’ theme including those by IMCA’s new president, Bruno Faure of Technip, David Leckie of Clyde & Co, and Tom Mackie of McDermott Inc, speakers in the plenary session will talk on ‘Back to basics’ (Thom Koning, Heerema Marine Contractors); ‘Enough administration already! Refocusing business processes on operations’ (Celine Thom, DOF Subsea); and ‘Current and future environmental challenges confronting vessel operators’ (Cathal Redmond, Technip).

Following the lunch break with a chance to visit the exhibition with its 25 exhibiting companies, the conference will break into its three parallel sessions – Marine, Diving, Survey & ROV. Each comprises three highly relevant technical presentations. These are then followed by workshops on DMAC issues, People training and competence; Time to Reflect (looking at safety issues); IMCA DP workgroup: Issues to take forward; and Vessel space fires.

Day 2’s plenary session sees presentations on ‘The Search for Malaysian Airlines flight MH-370’ (Mike Dravitzki, Fugro); ‘Medical solutions in challenging offshore environments’ (Nosa Aihie, International SOS), and ‘Adding value not cost: Investing in employees’ (Ibrahim Fahmy, ZADCO). As on Day 1, this is followed by the parallel sessions devoted to Marine, Diving, Survey & ROV.

Following lunch a quick fire 90-minute Quick Fire, Totally Technology Session will see eight technical presentations given under the watchful eye – and clock – of Jim Mann of Fugro; before delegates once again make their choice of workshop to attend, this time the choice is between modular versus integrated diving systems; rope workshop; health issues: offshore personnel; next generation of seabed machines: new technologies; and security issues.

The programme is available on the [IMCA Annual Seminar event website](https://www.imca-international.com/content/article/imca-annual-seminar-2015-programme-launched) and registration is open.

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