

NEWS RELEASE

New Chairman of AMSI Council

Richard Burt of Chelsea Technologies Group has been elected Chairman of Council for the Association of Marine Scientific Industries (AMSI). He replaces Paul Ridout of OSIL who has been Chairman during a period of extraordinary growth for AMSI under the Society of Maritime Industries (SMI) umbrella. Paul remains a Council member.

Commenting on his new role, Richard said “I am honoured to be the new Chairman of AMSI at this important time for the association. AMSI has grown from an initial idea by several of the UK marine science SMEs to a strong, Government -recognised trade association. This would not have happened without Paul’s vision and determination. I am extremely grateful to him for steering the AMSI to this strong, stable position from which we can grow and meet future challenges.”

Following an election within the membership of SMI four new members joined the AMSI Council:

Rob Balloch (Sonardyne International)
Matthew Rymell (BMT Cordah)
Roger Scrivens (RS Aqua)
Andy Smerden (Aquatec)

They join Cliff Funnell (Cliff Funnell & Associates), Bob Moss (UKHO), Ralph Rayner (GEMS Survey) and Terry Sloane (Planet Ocean) who remain on the Council.

Reflecting on the enlarged AMSI Council, Mr Burt added “with more than 40 companies within SMI having an interest in the marine science market I look forward to working with the new Council to ensure that the sector is well represented in all areas of marine science and technology. The UK is undergoing major changes in marine science policy with the recent Select Committee report on Investigating the Oceans, the UK Marine Monitoring Assessment Strategy and the forthcoming Marine Bill which all present significant opportunities for our members.”

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About AMSI

The Association of Marine Scientific Industries (AMSI) is a constituent association of the Society of Maritime Industries (SMI) and benefits from its significant resources across all maritime sectors. As a market orientated trade association, AMSI supports companies in the marine science and technology sector and is also the

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