Remote Systems & ROV Division

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IMCA is the international trade association representing offshore, marine and underwater engineering companies

It seeks to:

- strive for the highest possible standards with a balance of risk and cost in: health and safety; technology; quality and efficiency; environmental awareness and protection;
- achieve and sustain self-regulation in the industry;
- ease the free movement of equipment and personnel globally;
- achieve equitable contracting regimes;
- provide the framework for training, certification, competence and recruitment to support and sustain the industry globally;
- resolve industry issues; and
- promote co-operation across the industry.

Members include pipelay, heavy lift, diving, remotely operated vehicle, survey and offshore construction contractors, plus various contractors operating specialist marine equipment.

IMCA has two core activities in which all members participate:

- Competence & Training includes a comprehensive framework devoted to promoting safety by defining and encouraging training and competence in key safety-related positions.
- Safety, Environment & Legislation (SEL) includes monitoring national and international regulatory bodies, circulation of relevant information to members and advancement of industry positions where necessary

Members join in one or more technical divisions relevant to their own activities:

- Diving
- Marine
- Offshore Survey
- Remote Systems & ROV

IMCA works with a global focus, but also has regional sections covering the key offshore areas: Asia-Pacific, Central & North America, Europe & Africa, Middle East & India and South America.

IMCA has published substantial and comprehensive good practice guidance on marine operations based on its members' experience in a range of related areas. More details on specific activities are set out on these factsheets.

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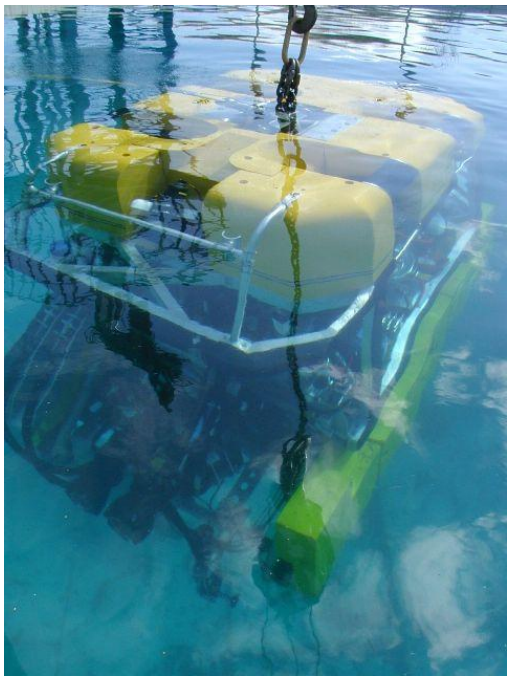
IMCA Remote Systems & ROV Division focuses on all aspects of equipment, personnel and operations relating to remotely operated systems used in support of marine activities.



As marine operations move into ever greater water depths and harsh environments around the globe, remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) grow further in importance and the advance of such technology continues all the time. This has been reflected in the phenomenal growth of IMCA Remote Systems & ROV Division over recent years.

Through development of codes of practice and guidance, provision of briefing and organisation of seminars and other events, IMCA helps its members stay up to date with developments, shares safety-related information and represents the sector to various third parties.

ROV Code of Practice

IMCA's *Code of practice for the safe and efficient operation of remotely operated vehicles* (IMCA R 004) plays a vital role in providing the international community with a common set of good practice guidelines and recommendations which help ROV operators achieve and maintain high levels of safety and efficiency.

A separate factsheet gives more information on the code.

Technical Guidance and Reports

Supporting IMCA's ROV code (see above) is a wealth of additional technical guidance, covering topics such as:

- equipment specification, maintenance and testing
- ROV system audits
- operational good practice.

Contracting Issues

IMCA Remote Systems & ROV Division has published a set of contracting principles and generic contract templates that contractors and their clients can use as a template when preparing contracts for their operations. The intention is to raise awareness of and promote dialogue on contracting issues between all parties.

Personnel Issues

ROV operations require teams of highly skilled and competent personnel working in a variety of roles. IMCA assists its members at every stage:

- **New recruits** – IMCA has developed an extensive range of factsheets, case studies and in-depth articles on working in the ROV industry, aimed at raising the profile of the industry and awareness of the career opportunities it provides. IMCA also provides guidance on entry-level requirements to help ensure new entrants are equipped with the background skills and knowledge required to work in the industry
- **Training** – IMCA has developed a number of outline syllabi for ROV-related training courses, on subjects such as: high voltage electricity; lifting operations; hydraulic systems; health, safety and the environment; and more
- **Ongoing competence assurance and assessment** – The IMCA competence guidance framework has been actively promoted in the ROV sector, with contractors keen to ensure and demonstrate that their personnel are competent for the safety-critical roles they fulfil. The division has been particularly active in dialogue with all parties and development of additional materials to assist freelance and agency personnel.

Find out more at www.imca-int.com/rov