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THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS ANNOUNCES HONORARY PROFESSOR CATRIONA SAVAGE AS NEXT PRESIDENT

The Royal Institution of Naval Architects are pleased to welcome our new President, Honorary Professor Catriona Savage, whose term in office officially commences today, 1st July 2022.

Catriona takes over the Presidency from the very distinguished Maurizio d'Amico who has served the Institution and held its core beliefs to a very high standard over the last two years, we thank him for his support and wish him well for the future.

Maurizio d'Amico had these words about his tenure as President and in welcoming Catriona as the new president of RINA.

"July 1st ends my two-year term as president of RINA. It has been a very exciting and complex experience, made even more challenging by the onset of the pandemic a few months after my election. Over recent months, the Board and myself have been making preparations to ensure that Institution is prepared to meet the needs of all our members and stakeholders.

The appointment of the new Chief Executive, the profound reorganization initiated, based on the very solid foundations of our institution that proudly celebrated its 160-year anniversary during my presidency, now allows us to look to the future with confidence for a strong international growth.

During my Presidency I had the privilege of collaborating with a very cohesive and strong team, which supported and helped me along the way. I thank the Vice Chair, the CEO and all the RINA staff, together with all Council and Board members for their trust, for their patience, and friendship, which made these two years for me an experience that will remain in my heart.

I wish the incoming President, Cat Savage, every success. I hope that she will enjoy a Presidency that can take full advantage of the much more favourable environment (though still a complex climate), we are now facing. I have no doubt that she will continue addressing the challenges and anticipating the future needs of our industry in a profound transformation."



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Catriona Savage had this to say about her Presidency and future vision.

“I have been a member of RINA for over 25 years since I joined as a student at Southampton University. RINA is an organisation I feel very passionate about and since then I have been Chair of the Membership Committee, a member of Council, and a Trustee. I am honoured to be taking over from Maurizio D’Amico as President who has masterfully steered RINA through the pandemic and navigated us to a really exciting point in the evolution and development of the Institution.

RINA has an exciting future, with the foundations being built today in development of our digital tools and online presence for the benefit of all our members and the wider maritime community.

Alongside this, I intend that my term as President will see an Institution that leads the way in some of the most important issues facing the Maritime Industry worldwide, including:

- *Diversity in our community and demonstrating the breadth and depth of opportunity to the next generation;*
- *Thought leadership in innovation, environment and safety through our technical committees;*
- *Sharing knowledge and maintaining standards and excellence.*

All of these contribute to the original purpose on which the Institution was founded in 1860, to “advance the art and science of ship design” and this is as relevant today as it was then.”

Our CEO **Chris Boyd** also commented on Maurizio’s time as President of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects and had this to say.

“It’s been a pleasure working under Maurizio, a President and Chair who navigated through unprecedented turbulence and his indefatigable leadership has provided stability for the Institution, as during his tenure we faced the pandemic, digital revolution and the opportunities within maritime decarbonisation, autonomy, AI, thought leadership and visioning to name but a few.

I would like to personally thank Maurizio for his guidance and support and the untold work behind the scenes that should be acknowledged during his Presidency.”

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About the Royal Institution of Naval Architects

Founded in 1860 in London to " advance the art and science of ship design " today the Royal Institution of Naval Architects is a world renowned and highly respected international professional institution and learned society whose members are involved at all levels in the design, construction, maintenance and operation of all marine vessels and structures.

The Institution has members in over ninety countries, and is widely represented in industry, universities and colleges, and maritime organisations worldwide.