THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF NAVIGATION

Aims and Objects

The objects of the Institute are to unite in one body those who are concerned with or who are interested in navigation and to further its development. Navigation is conceived as applying to locomotion of all kinds and is perceived as encompassing aspects of: command and control, psychology and zoology, operational research, risk analysis, theoretical physics, operation in hostile environments, instrumentation, ergonomics, financial planning and law as well as electronics, astronomy, mathematics, cartography and other subjects traditionally associated with navigation.

The aims of the Institute are to encourage the creation and dissemination of knowledge through research and development, to co-ordinate information from all the disciplines involved, to provide a forum in which new ideas and new products can have the benefit of informed and professional scrutiny and to further education and communication.

The Institute initiates conferences and symposia on specific subjects and has a programme of meetings at which lectures are given and discussed.There are standing Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which keep under constant review pertinent aspects of navigation.The success of these Special Interest Groups is crucially dependent on the active involvement of members.

The SIGS include: Animal Navigation Group (ANG), Civil and Military Aviation Group (CMAG), General Aviation Navigation Group (GANG), History of Air Navigation Group (HANG), Land Vehicle Navigation Group (LVNG), Marine Traffic Navigation Group (MTNG), Navigation On Foot (NOF), Small Craft Group (SCG) and Satellite Special Interest Group (SATSIG).

The Institute publishes *The Journal of Navigation* four times a year. It contains papers which have been presented at meetings, other original papers and selected papers and reports from Special Interest Groups. The Institute also publishes *Navigation News* six times a year which contains a full account of the Institute's proceedings and activities.This includes Branch News, a record of current navigational work, a diary of events, topical articles, news about Membership and advertising. A great deal of the Institute's work is international in character and is co-ordinated with that of similar organizations in other countries.

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