

Introduction to

**I H M A**



**International HazMat Association**

# Introduction

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- Background

- New upcoming legislation requires Professionals (IMO, EU, etc.)
- Differing approaches, no level playing fields for IHM-Professionals
- Lack of understanding in industry
- Setting of “right standards” required
- Increasing demand for effective developments of IHMs and MDs / SDoCs



# Aims: Reputation

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- Internationally accepted association
- Independent of class
  - general approval as service provider by IACS
  - Fulfilling and advise on requirements related to IHM preparation for all classes incl.
    - Decontamination (individual members)
    - Asbestos free surveys
- Aiming for observer status at IMO
  - Supporting further developments
- Self- auditing and certification system



# Aims: Equal standards

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- Development of more detailed standard for IHM
  - Filling identified gaps in international standards and requirements
  - Decision criteria for sample taking (e.g. number of samples)
  - Standards for VSCP and reporting
  - Laboratory standards
  - Maintenance of indicative list
    - Reference for IACS and IMO



## Aims: Branding & Quality

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- Brand mark for high quality HazMat Professionals
  - Separation from “poor performing” competitors
  - Setting of uniform standards to be established by all members
- Global network of IHM-Professionals
  - Increased competitiveness due to global cooperation or IHMA members, which work according to identical standard



## Aims: Sharing of knowledge

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- IHMA-Newsletters
- Supporting all members by exchange
- Publishing references
  - maintained indicative list
- Training for HazMat Professionals
- Organizational support for members
- Widening service portfolio



# Benefits for members

- Branding
  - assuring “tested best service”
  - separation from “common players”
- Laboratory network services
- Insurance for shipping of samples
- Tools, Hard- & Software
  - IHM hard- & software
  - Tool kits



# Contact Details

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