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**IMarEST’s MLA College partners with BAU Global to extend reach of marine education**

The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST)’s education arm, MLA College, is partnering with BAU Global Education Network to deliver more marine distance learning to a wider audience around the world.

BAU Global subscribes to an ethos of education without borders and comprises universities, schools and liaison offices across 4 continents. The organisation offers nearly two hundred school and higher education programmes in a variety of disciplines, which are not only accredited by a professional organisation, but highly ranked within their respective countries.

“We are delighted to be partnering BAU Global. Their extensive reach across the globe will be tremendously valuable to our students, and will no doubt strengthen the international and intercultural perspective they gain through their studies. This is hugely important when working within the marine industry, which by its very nature is transnational.” Professor John Chudley, Rector, MLA College.

MLA College’s courses in marine engineering, hydrography, oceanography, meteorology, navigation and sustainable maritime operations will go a long way to enrich the marine syllabus being offered on what is a truly global curriculum. With the new partnership MLA will start offering new undergraduate and graduate programmes.

“Partnering with MLA College is a superb opportunity for us to increase the number of courses we offer within the marine sphere. With headquarters in the UK, we are thrilled to form strong links within a country that has a longstanding tradition of academic excellence, ensuring our students have access to the best possible resources and tuition. As part of a prestigious Institute that upholds professional standards across the world, we are confident that this partnership will benefit not only our students but also the global marine workforce.” Enver Yücel, BAU Global President

The two organisations are well matched in their principles, holding educational excellence, ethical professionalism and sustainability as their chief aims when it comes to providing learning and development.

“BAU Global is an organisation that truly aligns with the IMarEST’s vision and our charitable purposes. Collaborating with the UN, they have set up a CIFAL Centre in Istanbul to work towards the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals. Attaining these goals are a key part of the IMarEST’s strategic plan and of paramount importance to the Institute. Moreover, their aim of developing global citizens who are committed to values that benefit the entire world could not be closer to the philosophy of our organisation and its members.” David Loosley, Chief Executive, Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology.

Students on any MLA College course benefit from complimentary IMarEST membership for the duration of their studies, to support them in their professional development and ensure they have the skills they need to embark on the next step in their career.

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**About BAU Global Education Network**

The BAU Global Education Network is comprised of higher education institutions spread around the world. This international network welcomes students from across the globe to study at a number of locations. Students and graduates of BAU Global form an academic community that spans many countries on four continents: North America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. BAU Global universities offer nearly two hundred undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs in architecture, art, business administration, communication, design, economics, education, engineering, health sciences, information technologies, law, medicine, and social sciences. BAU Global develops global citizens who are committed to values that benefit the entire world. The institutions in this network not only meet the standards set forth by the accreditation bodies in their home countries, but are also highly ranked in the disciplines they offer.

**About the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST)**

The IMarEST is an international learned society and membership body that brings marine engineers, marine scientists and marine technologists together into one multi-disciplinary professional body. The largest marine organisation of its kind, it spans 128 countries and works to promote the scientific development of marine engineering, science and technology, providing opportunities for the exchange of ideas and practices and upholding the status, standards and expertise of marine professionals worldwide. Members are able to gain professional registration through the Institute (such as Technician, Incorporated, Registered or Chartered status).

The IMarEST is an NGO with consultative status at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and observer status at the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, International Hydrographic Organization, the London Convention/London Protocol (LC/LP) and the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP). It has special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC), which facilitates its access to other international intergovernmental meetings where its specialized marine expertise is of particular use, e.g., the United Nations meetings on Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the work of the International Seabed Authority on marine mining. [www.imarest.org](http://www.imarest.org)