



# FAQs

## COVID-19 & IMAREST EVENTS

### AGM

#### **Is the AGM scheduled on 19 March still happening?**

Yes, the AGM is still going ahead but it will be held as a teleconference which members are invited to attend.

#### **I have already registered to attend the AGM using Eventbrite – do I need to re-register?**

No. We hope you will still be able to join us by teleconference and we will email you the details accordingly.

#### **Why is the AGM being held by teleconference?**

In light of the spread of COVID-19 in the UK, the IMarEST is taking responsible action to ensure the safety of its members and the wider public. The event is happening via teleconference, rather than in person, as part of the social distancing measures recommended by the Board of Trustees and to enable members who have been advised not to travel to participate on an equitable basis.

#### **Can I attend the teleconference?**

All IMarEST members are actively encouraged to participate. Please [register here](#) and details of how to dial in and join the AGM will be provided to you by email. This will include information on voting procedures and how you will be able to raise comments. Members are reminded that the financial statements and annual report can be found at: [www.imarest.org/governance](http://www.imarest.org/governance)

#### **Will I have to pay for the telephone call if I attend?**

There are Freephone numbers for participants from most countries around the world.

#### **Will I be able to vote at the AGM?**

Voting members (Associate Member, Member, and Fellow) will be able to vote on the telephone call. Details on how voting will work will be provided to registered attendees by email and on the call itself.

#### **Why is the AGM not being postponed?**

In order to meet our legal governance requirements we must hold the AGM before 13 June 2020. As we are unable to determine how long the impact of the threat of the virus will continue the IMarEST Board of Trustees have decided to proceed with the AGM. Whilst these are exceptional circumstances we want to make sure that important decisions which are made at the AGM can still be made in a timely fashion and we maintain as much business continuity as possible.



## President's Day Lecture

### **Is the President's Day Lecture on 19 March still happening?**

No, the President's Day Lecture is not happening on 19 March 2020 but we will be rescheduling the lecture as soon as practicable.

### **Why is the event not happening?**

In light of the spread of COVID-19 in the UK, the IMarEST is taking responsible action to ensure the safety of its members and the wider public. Although other organisations may be going ahead with their events, the Institute has assessed the risk based on our international audience profile to come to this decision, which is rooted in our duty of care.

### **When will it be rescheduled for?**

We will contact all members and delegates registered for the event on 19 March 2020 as soon as we have confirmed a new date so that they may re-register.

### **I have already booked my travel, will the IMarEST provide a refund?**

Unfortunately, we are unable to refund costs of travel you may have booked in advance. The Board of Trustees took this decision on the morning of the 10 March 2020 and we are notifying members as soon as we can. We would not take this decision unless we really had to, but these are unique circumstances. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Annual Conference

### **Is the IMarEST Annual Conference on 20 March still happening?**

No, the IMarEST Annual Conference is not happening on Friday 20 March 2020 but we will be rescheduling the conference as soon as practicable.

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## Annual Dinner

### **Is the IMarEST Annual Dinner on 20 March still happening?**

The IMarEST Annual Dinner on Friday 20 March 2020 has been postponed to Friday 12 March 2021.

### **Why has the event been postponed?**

In light of the spread of COVID-19 in the UK, the IMarEST is taking responsible action to ensure the safety of its guests, members and the wider public. Although other organisations may be going ahead with their events, the

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**When will it be rescheduled for?**

The event will take place on Friday 12 March 2021.

**Will I get a refund on my ticket?**

All tickets purchased for the 20 March 2020 event will be valid for the 12 March 2021 event.

**What if I'm not available to attend on the new date?**

Please contact our events team at [events@imarest.org](mailto:events@imarest.org) who can discuss refund options with you.

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