



## IMarEST Special Interest Groups

### PROFILE:

#### [Ocean Governance](#)

Governance lies at the heart of conservation and sustainable use of the ocean's resources. From geopolitics and ocean pollution to seabed resource extraction, ocean governance is becoming ever more complex. The processes and decision making that go into policy and legislation to protect the ocean play huge roles in all aspects of marine science.

The IMarEST Ocean Governance special interest group (SIG) is one of the newest groups and brings together expertise to raise awareness and promote practical solutions to help improve the sustainable development of the oceans. This SIG also addresses areas where legislation is fit-for-purpose and where there is scope for improvement, to offer impartial and technically-informed advice out and driving change and engagement between regulators, policy makers, academics and regulatory scientists.

#### Recent outputs include:

- [IMarEST Annual Conference 2019](#) – presentation delivered by David Carlin into the governance of deep sea mining. You can watch the full recording on [IMarEST TV](#) (members only) and our [Youtube channel](#) (non members).

#### Upcoming outputs include:

- Ocean Governance Careers Guide – as part of the IMarEST [Sea Your Future](#) initiative, the SIG is creating a careers guide in ocean governance. The guide intends to portrait the need for scientists in ocean governance and looks to support young scientists and raise awareness on the career paths and requirements to enter the sector.



## How to get involved in IMarEST technical activity

The IMarEST SIGs are voluntary groups which operate to the benefit of a specialist field, spanning the interests of marine engineering, science and technology, by bringing together experts from the marine sector. SIGs are governed by a committee of members but all SIGs are open for all members to participate as corresponding members.

They provide a platform for knowledge-sharing, outreach, and advisory information for the wider industry and in some cases - influencing legislation and policy. The work of the IMarEST's SIGs is highly diverse, spanning across the three domains of the institute – often incorporating aspects of multiple disciplines.

All the SIGs welcome new members, wherever you are in the world. However, you must be an [IMarEST member](#) to join. As an IMarEST member, you can participate in a range of technical activities at both an international and intergovernmental level. The IMarEST holds an extremely privileged position of having formal recognition across a [range of intergovernmental organisations](#) at a level unrivalled by similar organisations of its kind.

By [joining a SIG](#), you can develop your knowledge through meeting and attending events with industry experts, as well as make your contribution to the development of a sustainable marine sector and blue economy – all of which counts towards your Continuing Professional Development.

You can join a SIG as a corresponding member by signing up through your [IMarEST web account](#) to follow SIG developments and hear the latest industry news. You can also engage with the SIG, other corresponding members and discuss specialist topics in the member only networking portal '[IMarEST Nexus](#)'. If you are interested in becoming more directly involved with a SIG you can apply to the committee – for more information contact [technical@imarest.org](mailto:technical@imarest.org).

The IMarEST welcomes the establishment of [new special interest groups](#) across the entire breadth of the marine engineering, science and technology domain. Whether you are a non-member or a current member, if you are interested in establishing a new SIG – please get in touch with our technical team to enquire: [technical@imarest.org](mailto:technical@imarest.org).

