



Isle of Man

**International Business School**

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### Dining with Dinosaurs...

Staff from the Isle of Man International Business School joined key members of the Island's shipping sector at a glittering shipping industry event held last week in the splendour of London's Natural History Museum. The Lloyds List of London awards are an annual event benchmarking excellence within the shipping industry. The awards celebrate performance and innovation at an international level and recognise achievement by companies and individuals in a wide variety of categories from "Ship of the Year" to "Safety at Sea". The IBS was short listed within the "Training" category which honours an individual, firm or institution who has shown leadership and imagination in lifting the quality of education and training in the maritime field to new heights.

The IBS, who was nominated as a finalist due to its innovative Ship Superintendent Training programme, faced very stiff competition within this category and was even up against shipping industry giants Maersk, however the award on the night went to Witherbys Seamanship International. Despite missing out on the top place this year, The IBS was delighted to establish that it had been selected as one of five finalists out of 30 nominated entries – a fantastic achievement in itself.

Director of The IBS, Professor Roger Carey said

*" For us to be nominated as finalists in such a prestigious award ceremony is testament to the hard work put in by many people on the Island. We have collaborated with the Shipping Industry on the Island to create a unique and internationally recognised course which echos the innovative approach that the Island takes to nurturing the shipping sector. Thanks and congratulations to all involved."*

The event took place in one of the Natural History Museum's vast halls with delegate tables sitting within the shadows of the museum's famous 20 metre-long Diplodocus skeleton. An impressive setting for an impressive evening.

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#### *Background info*

The Ship Superintendents Training programme was set-up in 2006 in collaboration with the Isle of Man Shipping Registry and local shipping companies based on the Island, notably Doehle, Dorchester Maritime and EMCS. The course which has accreditations from the Nautical Institute, IMarEst and DNV (Det Norske Veritas) has run four times previously and has attracted a range of international delegates to the Island each time. The next course will be taking place in April.

Until recently, Ship Superintendents have had to rely on mentoring or distance learning to prepare themselves for the many facets of their demanding roles. The Ship Superintendents Training Course is a unique 9-day intensive training programme aimed at both recently appointed ship superintendents, aspiring entrants into the world of ship management / ship ownership or, more experienced superintendents wishing to upgrade their technical knowledge.

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