

## IMAREST INVESTS IN PRO-7 RECORD MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FROM PROTECH

PROWEB MODULE ENABLES SIGNIFICANT TIME AND COST SAVINGS FOR THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

IMarEST (Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology) has placed a substantial order with ProTech Computer Systems, for its Pro-7 record management software. Pro-7 will improve the Institute's communication with members by recording all activities, transactions and correspondence in one central knowledge base. In particular, IMarEST will be utilising the ProWeb module of Pro-7, to collect and collate data provided by members registering with the Institute on its website.

The Institute is an international professional membership body and a member of the Engineering and Science Council UK. As a learned body for marine professionals it promotes the awareness of all current advancements and theories within marine engineering, marine science and marine technology.

Jerry Frost, IT Manager for IMarEST, comments, "We decided to replace our current record management system following a competitive tender process which selected Pro-7 as the most cost effective solution that would meet all of our requirements following a review of business activities and processes. With Pro-7 we have a leading edge technology product that integrates easily with our financial accounting software, and also has the flexibility to be customised to meet our diverse requirements. We expect to be able to consolidate information from various systems, improving both resource utilisation and data integrity"

He continues, "Apart from the expectation that Pro-7

will deliver significant time and cost savings across all departments of the Institute, by reducing current level of manual administration and paperwork, its unique selling point was the ProWeb module and the level of web integration that it could introduce to our business processes that would not previously have been possible."

ProWeb is a new module of Pro-7 which enables businesses to offer staff remote access to the core functions of Pro-7 via the corporate website. The module allows users to precisely define the level of integration that is offered to the outside world. In practice, this provides IMarEST the opportunity to streamline online payments and manage, directly from Pro-7, all donations, subscriptions and registrations made via the website. This data can be used by IMarEST to keep its members informed with relevant targeted updates, and in doing so helping promote awareness of the Institute's registered charity, the Guild of Benevolence.

Jerry concludes, "We have built a good relationship with their consultants and they have been honest and upfront with us throughout the software selection process and during the first stages of implementation. We are confident that the project will be completed to schedule, specification and budget."