

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

THE 2002 RINA ~ LLOYD'S REGISTER SAFER SHIP AWARDS ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS SPONSORED BY LLOYD'S REGISTER

Hosted by its President, Professor Geraint Price, The Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA) held its Annual Dinner at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London, on 8 April 2003. During the ceremony, the winners of the 2002 RINA ~ Lloyd's Register Safer Ship Awards were announced by Professor Price and prizes were presented by Mr David Moorhouse, Chairman of Lloyd's Register.

The award in the Industry category was made to Sound Alert Technology plc for their entry "Directional Sound Evacuation". The judges were impressed by the life saving potential of the entry, the extensive trials and testing carried out, and the potential for fitting the equipment to both new and existing vessels with relative ease.

Receiving the award for the Academia category was a joint entry from Queen's University Belfast and Stena Line, "The Development of Training Software to Reduce the Risk of Wake from Fast Ships". The judges were impressed by both the clarity of the submission, and by the practicality of the product.

RINA and Lloyd's Register strongly believe that the work of the naval architect is fundamental to achieving safer operations at sea. Having as its theme "The Improvement of Safety at Sea", the competition aims to promote a greater awareness of the need for safer ships and to encourage innovative ideas, concepts and procedures having a safety focus.

Those interested in entering the 2003 Awards (entries close 16 January 2004) should contact Richard Nicholls, Director of Professional Affairs, at The Royal Institution of Naval Architects, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1X 8BQ; tel: 020 7235 4622; fax 020 7259 5912; or email: rnicholls@rina.org.uk.

Note to Editors

Founded in 1860, RINA is a renowned professional institution whose members are involved at all levels in the design, construction, repair and operation of ships, boats and marine structures. RINA is widely represented in industry, universities and colleges, and maritime organisations with a total of over 6500 members in more than 80 countries. As well as providing corporate members with an esteemed professional qualification, RINA also enjoys an outstanding reputation for the quality and range of its technical publications, conferences, seminars, and training courses. It is a Licensed and Nominated body of the Engineering Council (UK). Further information is available at the Institution's website: <http://www.rina.org.uk/>

Lloyd's Register is an independent risk management organisation, providing services designed to help its clients throughout the world achieve their business goals, while optimising safety and quality and preserving the environment. Its expertise and activities cover shipping, railways, other land-based industries, and oil and gas. Lloyd's Register operates from over 200 offices worldwide, and has some 6,000 employees. Further information is available at the society's website: <http://www.lr.org/>

Sound Alert Technology plc is a spin off company from research carried out at Leeds University. It has pioneered the use of audible exit signs to assist in the location of exit routes from Buildings, Aircraft and now Ships. Following extensive trials on Caledonian MacBrayne Ferries and tests aboard the new cruise ship Carnival Conquest, its Directional Sound Evacuation technology is being proposed by the Governments of UK and Germany to the IMO for fitment to passenger ships. Further information is available at SAT's website: www.soundalert.com