



## 2012 International Marine Forensics Symposium

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### Registration Open for First International Marine Forensics Symposium in April 2012 Symposium to Mark 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sinking of Titanic

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**JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY /JANUARY 9, 2012**—Registration has opened for the Inaugural International Marine Forensics Symposium ([www.sname.org/forensics2012](http://www.sname.org/forensics2012)), the largest gathering of prominent scientists, archaeologists, oceanographers, engineers and authors on April 3-5, 2012 at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland.

For the first time in its 117 year history, the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) along with co-sponsors the American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE) and the Marine Technology Society (MTS), will open this previously exclusive private symposium to the public. The Symposium will explore and chronicle important developments in the field of marine forensics.

Early non-member registration fees for one day of the symposium are \$275 or \$575 for the entire 3-day program. Early MTS, ASNE, and SNAME society member registration fees for one day of the symposium are \$175 or \$475 for the entire 3-day symposium. MTS, ASNE, and SNAME student members may register for one day at \$50 or for the full symposium at \$150. Students in grades 7 through 12 may also register for the one day “Student Day” program for \$15.

The First International Marine Forensics Symposium will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic* (April 15, 1912) and will feature technological breakthroughs and groundbreaking news specifically relating to the *Titanic*. Nearly 50 papers will be presented on a range of marine forensics areas and will focus on 9 maritime disasters, including *The Scorpion*, *Monitor*, *Hood*, *Titanic*, *Lusitania*, *Prince of Wales*, *Bismarck*, *Andrea Doria* and *Edmund Fitzgerald*.

According to naval architect and marine forensics expert, William Garzke, Chairman of the Marine Forensics Committee of SNAME and Symposium Chairman, “The increased usage of technology has revolutionized the entire maritime industry especially in the areas of marine forensics and underwater exploration. For the first time in history, a comprehensive procedural manual, “Guidelines for Marine Forensic Investigations,” outlining correct processes for conducting successful marine forensic investigations will be introduced.”

In addition, a “Student Day” program for students in grades 7 through 12 has been planned for April 5 and will offer hands-on scientific experiments and discussions led by experts in the field of Marine Forensic Investigations. Cost per student for the program will be \$15.

Among the major symposium speakers will be P.H. Nargeolet, world-renowned pioneer in the field of deep-sea exploration, and Pierette Simpson, Michigan-based author and survivor of the 1956 *SS Andrea Doria* shipwreck, who will introduce a new book, *I Was Shipwrecked on the Andrea Doria! The Titanic of the 1950's*.

Symposium panel discussions, led by leading scientific experts including Paul Henri Nargeolet, Rear Admiral Eccles, Norman Polmar, and David Jourdan, will underscore how underwater exploration, technology and marine forensics has changed history, impacted ship building and affected the way shipwrecks and aviation disasters are discovered and handled. Most recently, Nargeolet utilized autonomous undersea vehicles (AUV's) to lead a team of underwater explorers to discover the black box from the 2010 Air France flight 447 ocean disaster.

For complete details on the First International Marine Forensics Symposium, including early registration discounts before February 29, go to [www.sname.org/forensics2012](http://www.sname.org/forensics2012). Check for updates on twitter @SNAME\_HQ and like us on Facebook.

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