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Andrew (Andy) Fuller served for 10 years at sea as an hydrographic surveyor in the Royal Navy, working in naval survey and oceanographic research vessels in all waters of the globe. In 1977 he joined the civilian staff at the UK Hydrographic Office to work principally on maritime safety information and navigational warnings. During this time he led the development and international implementation of NAVTEX and the International SafetyNET Service within the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

In 1993 Andy joined Inmarsat and worked on the technical and operational development of the SafetyNET service before becoming Manager of the Maritime and Maritime Safety Services Departments. In these roles he was responsible for the maritime business of Inmarsat and the implementation and operational effectiveness of the satellite-based maritime distress and safety communication services for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) established by IMO.

Andy left Inmarsat in March 1999 to lead a new company, Marineworks Ltd, offering high level policy and operational consultancy services throughout the world in the fields of maritime communications, navigation and safety.

In late 1999, Andy was recalled to serve as Head of Technical Services for the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO), established to oversee the public services provided by the newly privatised Inmarsat. In that position he has played a leading role in the evolution of IMSO and the principles for the provision of satellite-based safety communications for ships and aircraft worldwide. He is now Deputy Director General and Head of Operations for the Organization.

During his long career in the international arena, Andy has been Chairman and a member of numerous UN and other international and national committees dealing with aspects of maritime and aeronautical safety and security. He is the author of numerous books and articles on matters relating to maritime safety and security communications and is a leading player in the development and implementation of the international system for the Long Range Identification and Tracking of Ships (LRIT).

Andy is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Navigation (RIN) and an Associate Member of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners (HCMM).