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Ian Gallett is the Chief Executive of the Society for Underwater Technology, an international learned society dedicated to the dissemination of knowledge and ideas in all aspects of subsea technology. After gaining a degree in Physics and conducting research into electromagnetic propagation, he joined the Royal Navy in 1973 where he became a metocean specialist. His main concerns were in operational oceanography and acoustics, particularly the effects of the ocean environment on long range passive sonar detection. Before leaving the Navy in 1996 with the rank of Commander, he was responsible for setting Royal Navy policy in the collection and use of oceanographic data, and their application in acoustic modelling. He has been with the Society for 12 years.