



SUT Perth Branch

Model statement of ethical principles and professional standards

SUT Perth Branch (the Branch) recognises that the Society for Underwater Technology (the Society) is an international learned society with a first-class reputation for ethical behaviour and the highest professional standards. It is incumbent upon the Branch to uphold the reputation and it therefore undertakes to observe the following principles and standards:

1. The Branch recognises that the principal aims of the Society are to disseminate knowledge and learning in the area of underwater technology, to promote such dissemination in an open and unbiased manner, to ensure as far as possible that it covers all relevant technical and scientific disciplines, and to treat all sectors of the relevant industries equally.
2. Officers and committee members of the Branch undertake their responsibility to organise and manage the branch on a purely voluntary basis and without any expectation of deriving personal gain or advantage.
3. Officers and committee members of the Branch act as independent persons and will not seek gain or advantage for their employer or any business interest with which they are associated.
4. Officers of the branch will ensure that all monies held by the Branch are at all times securely held and accounted for.
5. The Branch will not act as a trade association or otherwise promote the commercial aims of its members, sponsors, partners or any one sector of the industry.
6. The Branch will take care in selecting partners with whom to work to see that such partners are not thereby able to exert an influence that will damage or curtail the independence of the Branch or prejudice its ethical and professional standards.
7. In undertaking activities such as meetings, conferences, training courses or similar, the Branch will organise the commercial aspects of such activities in an honest, fair, straightforward, and transparent manner. All attendees of these activities will adhere to the principles of honesty, integrity, fairness and good faith. This includes being responsible and accountable for your actions and behaviour.
8. The Branch will endeavour to ensure that all its activities are undertaken to the highest professional standards and will ensure that these activities are not used for commercial promotion. When commercial organisations sponsor activities, they will be limited to a small promotional presence only. This principle may need to be modified on a case-by-case basis when a major exhibition or conference is run or sponsored by the Branch in partnership with a commercial organisation.