Dear fellow submariners, colleagues and friends.

Welcome to the 52nd International Submariners Congress here in Portsmouth, UK. The International Submariners Congress is a fantastic time to meet up with our friends and colleagues from all over the world. It is also a great occasion to meet new friends, and a time to remember those people that can no longer be with us.

It is therefore a great honour and a privilege to hold another congress here in the UK, and to be host to such a large family of submariners from across the globe.

During your stay with us in May 2015, we have put together a wonderful package of exciting and interesting attractions that will make this congress a very memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone. We have included a varied program of events that include the historic dockyard of Portsmouth, the stately home and gardens of Arundel Castle, a boat trip and wreath laying ceremony, fine food, and of course plenty of free time to shop and explore our fabulous city.

From myself, and all the members of the International Submariners Association (GB), we send out a very warm welcome to you all, and look forward to seeing you in May 2015.

Brian De-Mullet
President
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The Royal Navy has three operating bases in the United Kingdom. There is one in Portsmouth, one at HMNB Clyde, and one at HMNB Devonport. The Portsmouth base is the oldest in the Royal Navy, and as well as being the headquarters for two-thirds of the Royal Navy's surface fleet, it is home to the oldest dry dock in the world.

The Naval Base is also home to the "Portsmouth Historic Dockyard", which allows members of the public to visit important maritime attractions such as Mary Rose, HMS Victory and HMS Warrior.
Arundel is in a glorious location on the edge of the hills above the river Arun. The town rises up a hillside dominated by its great castle and cathedral. The High Street descends to the river lined by some attractive houses. There are many antique shops, a museum, and a heritage centre.

The first castle was established by Roger de Montgomery in 1067. Ruined in the civil war, it was rebuilt in the 17th and 18th centuries. Today the castle remains the principal seat of the Dukes of Norfolk. The castle and its extensive grounds are open to the public.

Arundel Park contains a famous cricket ground, while the Wildlife and Wetland trust runs a reserve by the river. Depending on the tide, boat trips may be taken.