

It hardly seems like 50 years since the Institute of Navigation was founded, or 29 years since I wrote the Foreword for the 21st edition of the Journal of Navigation.

These last 50 years have witnessed a revolution in navigation or, as the 21st edition of the Journal was entitled, 'The Navigation Explosion'. The Institute has quite evidently risen to the challenge by providing that essential medium of communication between researchers, manufacturers, teachers and practitioners in all branches of the discipline.

The revolution is certainly not over, in fact, it seems to be still gathering speed and I am quite confident that the Institute will continue to play a significant part in the future development of navigational techniques.