



## **Two New Regional Managers Join the MATE ROV Competition**

The MATE ROV Competition is excited to welcome Robin Bradbeer and Anneliese Moffitt to its team as Regional Managers. These positions are key and needed in supporting the expanding regional competitions across the world.

Bradbeer will serve as the Regional Manager in Asia and the ASEAN countries while Moffitt will fill this role in the Middle East and North Africa. Both are fully qualified and eager to support current and future MATE competitions.

Bradbeer is a long-time MATE Regional Competition Network member. She has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and master's degree in electronic engineering from the University of Surrey (UK) as well as a doctorate from Durham University (UK). She moved to Hong Kong in the mid-1980s and taught consumer mechatronic design and electronic product design at City University starting in 1990. Bradbeer was the founding chair of IEEE Consumer Electronics Society/Oceanic Engineering Society Joint Chapter and the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society Chapter in Hong Kong. Between 2003 and 2008, she was director of City University's Marine Science and Engineering Laboratory. In 2006, she initiated the MATE Hong Kong Regional ROV Competition, the first one outside of North America. Eleven years later, Bradbeer co-founded the ASEAN Regional Competition. She has published over 60 journal and conference papers and co-authored or edited nearly 30 books.

Moffitt is new to MATE but has extensive experience working regionally as a STEM educator. She spent the last five years actively supporting STEM students, teachers, administrators and government entities in Europe and the Middle East. Moffitt project managed STEM and robotics competitions attended by hundreds and also helped launch the MATE ROV Competition in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Had the competition season not been canceled, she would have held the inaugural UAE regional this year. Aside from her involvement in the MATE ROV, she is involved in projects that teach students about fuel cells, drone technology and renewable energy. She runs workshops on innovation in schools in the UAE and supports programs that champion girls and women in STEM. Moffitt believes encouraging collaboration and curiosity is key to innovation, and that education should be inclusive and accessible for everyone.

"We at MATE are so pleased to have Robin and Anneliese join our team. There is a great deal of interest in the MATE ROV competition in both these regions. We need these capable 'boots on the ground' to assist us with supporting new student teams and in developing new regional programs and growing our presence in both of these areas of the world," said Jill Zande, President/Executive Director of MATE Inspiration for Innovation (MATE II).