TRUSTEE BOARD ELECTION – 2020

Deputy President / President 2021-2022

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Executive Summary

Setting the course for sustainable growth of IChemE both in the UK and globally by ensuring multiple avenues for members to actively demonstrate that the institution is truly led by its members worldwide. IChemE must play a vital role in delivering the Sustainable Development Goals - we can do this together!

Biographical details

I studied Chemical Engineering as an undergraduate at Sheffield University in the late 1980’s and decided to pursue a career in Safety and Loss Prevention due the impact that the Piper Alpha incident had on the world. I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with the UK HSE Research laboratory on how to better predict the possibility and consequences of major accidents. I have since been working in a consulting environment to support my clients in making the appropriate risk management decisions and ensuring that they maximise the value they invest in safety, health and the environment.

Apart from advising clients and growing ERM's business, I am passionate about coaching the next generation of leaders. I am really glad to have the opportunity to interact with so many of our young engineers through my work at ERM and with the IChemE. I am convinced that there is no higher calling than being one who inspires others to achieve their potential.

I am happily married to Martin (an architect) for 28 years and have three children Rebekah (pursuing her passion in psychology), Nathanael (completing his Canadian Matriculation Program) and Jessica (who is preparing to take her IGCSE next year).

Election statement

I believe there is potential for growth of the IChemE globally and there are many opportunities for the work that has been achieved by the institution in the UK to be extended to other regions. For IChemE to grow sustainably, we must have great ambitions to be the professional body that chemical and process engineers all over world seek out as a platform for their personal development as well as an avenue for them to positively impact the world with what we do as engineers.

In order for IChemE to achieve a truly global footprint, we will need to be able to mobilise more of our members to take an active interest in our activities - for only through this means we will be able to be recognised as a member-led organisation.
I will apply experience of having worked for > 20 years in a partner-led consultancy who has made that transition from being US-UK based to becoming a truly global one. I have successfully executed a number of key roles within ERM covering technical leadership, Country Manager for Malaysia, Managing Partner of ERM's APAC Global Risk business and currently one of the Commercial Directors overseeing the growth our ERM's Safety Services.