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INCOSE UK Council Appointments

INCOSE UK announced its Council line-up for the coming year at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 7 November 2012, including election results and confirmation of the appointment of Officers.

The new appointments are:

President	Alan Harding
President Elect	Richard Beasley
Immediate Past President	Prof Mike Wilkinson
Academic & Education Director	Prof Kate Gill
UKAB Chair	Ivan Mactaggart

The AGM was an opportunity for members to thank Mike Wilkinson (Atkins), the outgoing President, for guiding INCOSE UK through the last two years of sustained achievement and maturing as an organisation. During this time the UK Advisory Board has grown to over 30 companies; INCOSE UK's ties with other institutions have been strengthened; and a key 'buddying' agreement with The IET has been established enabling INCOSE UK members to become professionally registered (chartered) through INCOSE UK.

Alan Harding (BAE Systems) replaces Mike as President, and is looking to build on the great platform left by him across the breadth of current INCOSE UK Strategy.

"My priorities will be support to Continuing Professional Development (CPD), collaboration with other organisations to promote and develop systems thinking and systemic approaches, and playing our part in the wider promotion of Engineering in the UK. Our collaborative relationships will continue to be very important: there is great potential in maturing our partnership with the IET, and our new relationship with the Association of Project Managers (APM) offers great potential for improved understand between our disciplines."

Richard Beasley (Rolls-Royce) has been elected to the post of President-Elect. He outlined his aims as follows:

"I would work to ensure that the UK chapter remains / continues to develop as an organisation to be:

1. A forum for the explanation / engagement in Systems Engineering for all / any who want or need to learn about SE (both organisations and individuals);
2. A place to encourage, develop and share the creation of world class Systems Engineering practice;
3. A chapter providing a strong UK voice into the wider (international) INCOSE organisation."

Ian Presland (Thales Training & Consultancy) has been re-elected as the INCOSE UK Professional Development Director. He plans to develop the professional development agenda by looking at career



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development, CPD, competencies and training, as well taking any opportunity to improve the recognition of Systems Engineering as a profession.

Prof Michael Henshaw (Loughborough University) has completed his term as Academic & Education Director and the INCOSE UK Council would like to thank him for developing this role. After a closely fought election between Prof Paul Davies (Thales) and Prof Kate Gill (Dstl), Kate was elected as the new Academic & Education Director. As part of Kate's aims she is committed to the development of a sustainable UK systems workforce to support our national endeavours, and to representing INCOSE UK in the wider international domain.

Ivan Mactaggart (AWE) has been elected by the UK Advisory Board to take over from Chris Lamb (Jacobs Sula) as Chair of the Board and represent their views on the Council.

Alan and his fellow Council Members would like to thank those standing down from roles for the commitment they have given to INCOSE UK over the last 2 to 3 years, and to their employers for supporting them in this activity, and to welcome the new members to the Council.

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Notes to Editors

INCOSE UK

The UK Chapter of the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), with around 700 individual and 32 corporate members, exists primarily to serve UK-specific needs and is a key chapter within INCOSE. It has strong links with other UK institutions and it plays a prominent role in both the domestic and the international scenes. It holds one or two conferences each year, has active regional, working and special interest groups and publishes a variety of guides and other products tailored for UK members. Despite its focus on UK-specific needs, the UK Chapter attracts members from territories around the globe.

The 'flavour' of systems engineering most prevalent in the UK has developed into an open and inclusive practice that facilitates the application of systems thinking and systems engineering principles in domains outside of the traditional domains of defence and aerospace. In recent years the membership of INCOSE UK has widened significantly from its roots, expanding to include domains such as transportation - particularly rail - energy, civil engineering, space, medicine, and security. For more information, visit www.incoseonline.org.uk.