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Dr Damian Kelly - Croda

Damian Kelly first started working with Croda Chemicals Europe in 2001 on the Graduate Development Program. Over the past 16 years Damian has held several positions across different Croda markets, divisions and functions including Personal Care Sales Manager for Latin America, Performance Technologies Business Development Manager for North America and Life Sciences Vice President for Europe with both Technical and Commercial responsibility. As Vice President he was responsible for many advancements in Crop and Health Care.

Damian's current role is Head of Global Research and Development at Croda Europe Ltd, which he was appointed to in 2016. He is also the technical lead for Croda's Technology Investment Group, which is responsible for the acquisition and licensing of new technologies that match the needs of all Croda's end markets.

Since 1925 Croda has been responsible for the production of high performance ingredients and technologies in some of the biggest, most successful brands in the world: creating, making and selling speciality chemicals that are relied on by industries and consumers everywhere.

Outside of Croda, Damian is also a member of CPI's (Centre for Process Innovation) Technology Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC is responsible for the technology strategy of the Centre for Process Innovation. He is also a member of the Innovation Strategy Board for KTN (Knowledge Transfer Network).

Damian holds a Bachelors degree in chemistry, a masters degree in surface science and catalysis and a Ph.D in Tribology from the University of Cambridge.