

Members of the CGP Innovation Group



Dr Jonathan Hague - Unilever

Jonathan Hague serves as Vice President of Open Innovation at Unilever Research and Development. Jonathan is responsible for strategy, innovation excellence, data excellence, organizational efficiency and partnership capability across the whole of Unilever's € 900 Million R&D effort, spanning major sites in Europe, North America, China and India, and employing 6,000 R&D professionals. In this capacity Jonathan is a member of Unilever's global R&D leadership team, which oversees the delivery of innovation and new product and process technology for all of Unilever's € 53 Bn of turnover.

Jonathan joined Unilever in 1990. He spent the first seven years of his career as a Research Scientist in Hair Research at Port Sunlight Laboratory, UK, contributing much to the basic understanding of what makes products competitive.

Since then, Jonathan has had a varied and international career with Unilever. In 1997 he moved to Jakarta Indonesia, charged with the build-up of a regional innovation centre for Skin Cleansing and Care. From 2001 to 2006, he led the Global Technical Centre for Deodorants in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, North America and was part of the team that delivered the innovation to make Unilever the leader in the North American Deodorants market. In 2006, he returned to the Port Sunlight Laboratory in the UK and operated as Strategy and Operations Director for Home and Personal Care R&D; a role which evolved into Strategy and Operations Director for the Chief R&D Officer.

Jonathan was instrumental in driving the creation of the Materials Innovation Factory (MIF), which opened in April 2016. The MIF is a flagship investment by the University of Liverpool, HEFCE and Unilever in a unique facility to accelerate materials discovery and for Unilever, integration of new technology into better FMCG products.

Outside of Unilever Jonathan serves as a Member of Customer Advisory Board at NineSigma, Inc. He is a member of the Hartree Centre Advisory Board and is the Unilever leader for the Partnership Steering Board between Unilever and the Hartree Centre. He is also Chair of the Innovation Board for the Liverpool City Region, and a member of the Liverpool City Region LEP Board. He holds a Degree and a PhD in Materials Science from the University of Sheffield.