

# Members of the CGP Innovation Group



## Dr Robin Harrison - Synthomer

Robin Harrison is the Global Innovation Director for the international FTSE 200 listed company Synthomer. Synthomer is one of the world's foremost suppliers of aqueous and speciality polymers which help customers create new tailored solutions and enhance the performance of existing products in key industries such as coatings, construction, textiles, paper and synthetic latex gloves. As Global Innovation Director Robin is responsible for group R&D strategy and product development activities at the company's six research centres.

Robin has 20 years research and development experience in the chemical industry, specialising in polymer and resin chemistry, developing industrially relevant systems with a focus on application areas such as coatings, adhesives, textiles and functional components. This background alongside his current role enables him to work at the interface of science with industry, whilst still being heavily involved in industrial innovation of chemical products. Robin has led the design and implementation of cross-functional business processes for product development to improve market focus, project definition and portfolio management.

Additionally, Robin has extensive international experience, having spent over 10 years living in the USA and The Netherlands, combined with managing research groups across the world. Robin is an elected member of the SCI's Board of Trustees and also works with the SCI on a number of initiatives, for example, he sat on the SCI's Formulation Forum Committee, he is a program sponsor for the SCIdea competition and a member of the Mid-Careers group.

Robin has previously worked in world class academic research groups and continues to develop links with universities through Synthomer's academic partnership program.