

**Candidates Nominated for Election at the
138th SCI Annual General Meeting**



**Unopposed Nominations
for the position of Ordinary
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Ordinary Member of the Board of Trustees



Dr David Birkett

I have had a forty year career in industrial chemistry and have had > 20 years of active committee roles in SCI with the Republic of Ireland/All-Ireland and the Materials Chemistry Groups. My coming on the Board would thus bring additional industrial experience plus my specific technical and geographical background.

Previously I had a similar role with the Institute of Chemistry of Ireland (2002-2007) and have been a pension fund trustee (200-2012) where I was on the investments sub-committee.

One aim would be to help make the Society even more of a torch-holder for the chemistry-based industries, showing the public our importance to everybody's well-being and to environmental protection.

In addition I would like to encourage greater cooperation between the Regional Groups and the Technical Groups.

Member since the early 1980's and active committee member since 1997. Currently acting chair of the All-Ireland Group, having previously been Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Also currently Vice-Chair of the Materials Chemistry Group, having previously been Chair and Treasurer.

I have organised many events for both groups, and some joint events between the two.

Sometime reviewer for *Polymer International*, and author of numerous articles and reviews in *Chemistry & Industry*. Awarded Distinguished Service Award in 2008.

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Prof Jenny Mordue

My experience of cutting edge University research leading to commercialisation and scientific innovation is at the heart of SCI's remit of 'where science meets business'. I have an in depth understanding of University research and how it leads to innovation for the benefit of society. My work has required strategic decision making within top management, critical allocation of resources and knowledge of networking at the highest level to bring Industry and Academia together. As Director of Graduate School I established generic skills training and support for more than 300 postgraduate students at an early career stage.

I believe SCI should be at the heart of the science/business interface creating opportunities for exchange of ideas and knowledge and encouraging the application of science into industry. My vision is to create cross dialogue at all levels from SCI's recent reintroduction of the Society Medal Dinner at Westminster, led by the awards working party, to the support of early career members by numerous generic skills initiatives provided through the Early Careers Committee. I have strong interests in supporting early career scientists as leaders of tomorrow, in promoting gender equality and diversity, and in supporting women in SET.

I have been a member of SCI for 35 years playing active committee roles on the Agrisciences Group and as Chair of the Aberdeen Regional Group. I led the establishment of and chaired the SCI Scotland Group encompassing the whole of Scotland and built the group to a successful position. I was awarded the Lampitt Medal in 2002. I am currently member of the Board of Trustees and Early Careers Committee. I strongly supported and led initiation of a mentoring scheme, fellowships for the Daphne Jackson Trust and studentships with The Royal Society. I am chair of the Awards Working Party.

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Dr Jan A.H.M Ramakers

I joined DSM as a chemist in 1980 in R&D before moving into positions in marketing, business development and strategy, I set up and ran Wood Mackenzie's fine chemical consulting practice in 1996-1999, before creating Jan Ramakers Fine Chemical Consulting Group, in 1999, focusing on the global fine chemicals market and its customer markets. A member of SCI for 14 years, I am also on the Chemical Sciences Scotland Leadership Group, the CPhI Advisory Board a NXD of CelluComp, and Vice President Commercial Strategy of Hamlin Scientific. My network of business contacts is extensive and spans all continents. I am also a member of ACS, GlobalScot, and an associate of Shott Trinova, Kline & Company, Boston Consulting Group, Oaklins Netherlands, and CCD Partners.

I want to continue using my understanding of the industry and the sciences, and my extensive network to help SCI to continue to successfully re-establish/extend its connections with industry while at least maintaining its connections with the sciences.

My aim is to ensure that a dynamic and focused SCI can provide real value to both industry and science, and facilitate the interaction between the two that leads to successful innovations. For that purpose, I want to further promote and facilitate networking between members, in person and online, help grow the member network and support the activities of the groups.

I have been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2016. During that time I have been involved in various things, including the governance review, biotechnology, and the participation of SCI in CPhI WorldWide.

Since 2016 I have also been a member of the SCI Scotland Committee, getting involved in a number of events including Days of Science, Knowledge exchange awards, the Scotland PhD awards, and Science and the Parliament.

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Prof Kenneth Clive Thompson

- ▶ Chief Scientist ALS UK (Food Pharmaceutical, Water). ALS is a large contract laboratory organization with (13,000 staff) 300+ locations in 50+ countries. Very large network of worldwide contacts (~ 3,000) in private industry; public & regulatory organisations and academia.
- ▶ Fellow of 5 professional organisations: - RSC; CIWEM; IFST; WMSoc and RSPH.
- ▶ Heavy involvement with BSI, ISO and CEN. in 2015.
- ▶ Received a Distinguished Service Certificate from British Standards RAE appointed (2018).
- ▶ Visiting Professor (VP) of Water Engineering at the University of East London (UEL).
- ▶ Previously a VP at Queen Mary, Brunel and Sheffield Hallam Universities. Links with many other Universities.

Aims for SCI:

- ▶ Improve member involvement.
- ▶ Encourage E-members to become full active SCI members. Currently, many E-members boost SCI member numbers, but are virtually inactive. Set up a UEL SCI student group and then, if successful, at some other universities.
- ▶ Organise more regional events including evening events to try and improve outside-London member active participation.
- ▶ Organise some really high profile large controversial conferences together with other professional bodies such as RSC; CIWEM; IFST; WMSoc and RSPH. (E.g. Handling water emergencies; Efficacy of nutraceuticals: Benefits minimal effects or actual adverse effects? Emerging contaminant risks: Are they all significant? etc.)

SCI Member for 25 years. Active member of the EHS; Food; SEG and YHG groups; BoT member from 2011 to 2018
Holder of the 2003 Society of Chemical Industry Environmental Medal.

Closely involved with the organization of many successful SCI one and multi-day national and international conferences often in conjunction with other professional bodies. (e.g. For a series of five SCI/RSC joint events see: <http://pubs.rsc.org/bookshop/bookset/978-1-78262-442-4>)

Involvement in a significant number of SCI initiatives over the last 25 years. Currently trying to set up SCI links with University of East London.

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Dr David Richard Witty

My career has been based in pharmaceutical research, development and business operations over 30 years; leading many multidisciplinary teams. I have experience in creating new enterprises, serving as a board director, and editing journals. At BoT I strive to ensure the professionalism of the commercial sector, and the successful groups I've nurtured, are mirrored in the behaviours and achievements of SCI Trustees. BoT needs to be fit for the purpose of guiding SCI through the challenges ahead: representing both established and new scientific endeavours, and being prepared for the impact of open access publishing and disruptive new technologies.

I have supported reforms to the BoT governance structure to improve effectiveness, strategic leadership, accountability and decision making processes. Through the Membership subcommittee I have worked with the executive team to find new ways to interact with our growing membership, including surveys, focus groups and interviews. I aim to continue to champion member interests, give feedback on BoT and MC activities and achieve greater transparency. I want SCI to provide effective group guidance and support, so where there are struggling or deficient groups, SCI can provide a way for them to transform, and achieve their potential.

I have been a member of SCI since the 1990s and joined the committee of the Fine Chemicals Group a few years later. There I helped organise many successful events, ranging from student competitions and training sessions to multi day international symposia, on topics related to my chemistry and pharmaceutical research background. I undertook all the officer roles of the FCG, including chair from 2013-15. I was elected to the board of Trustees in 2016 where I created the Membership Subcommittee, agreed its terms of reference and served as its first chair. I received a DSA in 2017.

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Dr Tiffany Wood

I have worked in knowledge exchange between academia and companies for seven years and am experienced in developing project proposals and leading teams. I am familiar with barriers to the process of commercialising research, which I can contribute to the role. I will support the SCI in identifying opportunities and developing initiatives that support the goals of the SCI. I have strong connections with various networks including Scottish Enterprise's Manufacturing Strategy Steering Group, the RSE's Young Academy of Scotland and the Royal Society which I can use to help connect common goals.

I am passionate about supporting the ethos of the SCI because I believe that multidisciplinary and cross-sector groups are required to solve the challenges of assuring nutrition and health for a growing population while reducing the cost to the environment.

I believe that communication with the general public, government and the next generation of scientists through organisations such as the SCI can help sustain its mission to enable commercial growth underpinned by strong scientific understanding and innovation. I look forward to supporting the leadership team within the SCI and furthering my knowledge through the experience.

I have been an enthusiastic member of the SCI since 2012 when I was motivated by the strapline 'where science meets business' which resonates strongly with my desire to help ensure scientific outputs become useful to society. While Chair of the Scotland group from 2015-2018 its membership grew three-fold through active engagement of the committee to support new initiatives such as PhD student competitions and events for knowledge translation and the traditional Award lectures (Tennant and Lister). Through membership of the MAC group from 2013-2015, I identified a need for a formulation group to represent common interests across sectors. The Formulation Forum was founded in 2016, of which I am Secretary, and two annual events have engaged large audiences and the forum has provided advice to the Chemistry Council Innovation group, led by SCI.

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**Unopposed Nomination for the
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FINANCE AND INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Honorary Treasurer/Chairman of the Finance and Investment Advisory Committee



Dr Geoffrey David Fowler

I have been SCI Honorary Treasurer for the last 3 years and fully understand the financial systems of the Society. I have extensive financial management skills gained from my "day job" as an research active academic at Imperial College. My communication skills are excellent and my experience of Committees and their management is extensive. My research has a strong commercial/industrial focus addressing environmental issues related to water, resources and global challenges. These align well with SCI interests.

I want to ensure that the recent growth of the SCI is further strengthened by continued sound financial management, whilst working closely with the membership, Board of Trustees & HQ to continue to reinvigorate the Society. A particular area ripe for growth is SCI's support for PhD scholarships. By developing existing & creating new trust funds through income generation, the Society could become a key conduit for funding PhD students in partnership with Industry, Academia and UKRI, making SCI the core of a new research nexus.

I have been an active & dedicated member of the SCI since joining in 1991 whilst studying for my PhD. Over the last 28 years I have held several officer positions in SCI, including: chair of the EHS group; Chairman of TDC & MAC as well as acting on numerous SCI committees (Publications, Premises etc.). In 2016 I designed & led the recruitment process for the current SCI CEO. Currently, I am the Chair of the British Carbon Group and the SCI Honorary Treasurer & a Trustee. My dedication to the SCI was recognised in 2010 when I received the Lampitt Medal. I have extensive knowledge and understanding of the Society's modus operandi and raison d'être.

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FINANCE AND INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ordinary Member of the Finance and Investment Advisory Committee



Mr Derek Heywood

Knowledge over the last 30 years of the finance of SCI and background of its competitors.

Aim to keep the standards of SCI and introduce new ventures, to bring in new members, and at the same time keep the reserves constant.

Background: Past chair of SCI and member of two sections.

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FINANCE AND INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ordinary Member of the Finance and Investments Advisory Committee



Mr Peter Stephenson Reineck

I have a wealth of experience in strategic planning and implementation, and a deep understanding of the options to achieve organisational growth and development, as well as the critical importance of reputation. If elected, I would work with FIAC Chair to propose and implement strategies that would provide best value for SCI's Members. A key factor for success will be how best to manage, grow and utilise SCI's precious financial resources. In particular, I will support proposals to increase income to enable SCI to invest in the resources it needs to implement its strategies for growth and development.

I share with other forward-looking Members a vision in which SCI leads and influences thinking about science and its connection to business and society. This would mean wider recognition and a bigger audience for SCI's work, and engaging with government and influencing policy. In the longer term, it would also help drive increased Membership and greater income and financial security for SCI.

I have over 30 years experience as a manager and consultant in the chemical industry, and as an active Member of SCI. For SCI Canada 1998 - 2004, I organised six successful Annual Awards events and the Centennial Conference. I served on MDAC and Awards Committee (now Early Career Support Sub-Committee). Currently I serve on FIAC, Agrisciences, Science & Enterprise, Energy, and Yorkshire & the Humber Group committees. As Chair of SEG until 2015, I founded the Energy Group. I was involved in organising several events including the Y&H Group Annual Awards event and several conferences for SEG and ASG.

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**Nomination for the
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EARLY CAREER SUB-COMMITTEE

Member of the Early Career Sub-Committee



Miss Libby Linfield

Having completed two internships in industry during a 4-year degree in Natural Sciences I have first hand experience of the highly competitive undergraduate and graduate job market. As such I have a good understanding of how to help young people look for opportunities and build their CV.

Additionally, I have experience in event organisation, fundraising, business case ideation, effective networking and presenting.

I will be entering a graduate scheme at Airbus Defence and Space in 2019, as such I would like to use this as a platform to increase the connections and involvement of SCI to the remote sensing industry. Additionally, I would like to see more competitions and events similar to BrightSCIdeas, giving young people a chance to think of science from a financial and business perspective. From experience, I think this is an extremely valuable skill to help people about to start their careers in industry as I owe an internship in finance to the opportunities that have thus followed.

I first became a part of SCI when I entered and won the 1st BrightSCIdeas challenge as part of team Glucoguard. From this I have further become an Ambassador, sharing relevant events with UCL, presented at the College of Scholar's Day (2019), giving a 'Winner's perspective' of the BrightSCIdeas challenge. I have also attended the Society Medal Dinner (2019) and signed up to the mentor programme.