

The Institution of Agricultural Engineers

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IAgrE Honorary Fellow

Alastair Taylor

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Alastair Taylor, served the Institution as the Chief Executive Officer for 6 years (2013 – 2019). He made significant contributions to the presentation, reputation and professional standing of the Institution. He also improved the governance of the Institution by updating our policies and practices, including the Memorandum and Articles of Association and our Code of Conduct.

Alastair's leadership gave outstanding service to the Institution in a number of ways:

By developing our membership offer (always aware of the question posed by potential and current members i.e. 'What's in it for me?'). He demonstrated this through driving recruitment activities aimed at all levels of membership. He visited numerous agricultural colleges and universities throughout the country to speak with students and lecturing staff. He also engaged with technicians, apprentices and managers from all sectors represented by the IAgrE. His support of 'Landwards', updating the IAgrE website and driving the Annual Conference also enhance the membership offer.

By strengthening our relationship with the Engineering Council and the Society of the Environment to ensure our professional registration processes are sound and work for registered members.

By representing the agricultural engineering profession within the expanding domain of 'agritech'. This included offering Institution support to the various agritech strategies and initiatives currently on offer, such as the Centres of Agricultural Innovation, the STFC Food Network, the N8 Universities Agri-Food Initiative and Innovate UK research projects.

By ensuring the sustainability and quality of the IAgrE's peer reviewed journal, Biosystems Engineering, which plays an essential role in the Institution's scientific and technical credibility and financial stability.

By raising the profile of the IAgrE at national level, by responding to Government consultations such as the Health and Harmony White Paper.

By strengthening the Institution's external links with other Professional Engineering Institutions, such as through inputs to the Royal Academy of Engineering's Policy Engineering Centre.

By broadening the geographical reach and international standing of the Institution by forging stronger links with the Pan African Society of Agricultural Engineers and The European Society of Agricultural Engineers (EurAgEng).



Since his retirement in 2019, Alastair continues to support the Institution as a volunteer. He joined the IAgRE Membership Committee and his input and experience were integral to the successful completion of the Engineering Council Review in June 2020

These are just some examples of the outstanding achievements Alastair made during his tenure as CEO, to the benefit of all members. In summary, Alastair Taylor has made outstanding and distinguished contributions to agricultural engineering as a discipline and to the IAgRE as the industry's professional body.

