

Candidates Nominated for Election at the 136th SCI Annual General Meeting



Below are the details of candidates who have applied for vacant positions on SCI's Board of Trustees and its Standing Committees.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ordinary Members of the Board of Trustees



Dr Robin Harrison

My current role is the Global Innovation Director at Synthomer with overall responsibility for group R&D strategy and product development activities at the company's research centres. I have 20 years' experience of polymer chemistry developing industrially relevant systems with a focus on application areas such as coatings, adhesives and textiles. Since September 2016, I have been member of the Formulation Forum Committee and I am working with this committee on their launch event in January 2018. I am keen supporter of SCI's activities with Early Career STEM, including sponsorship of the upcoming Your Bright SCIdeas competition.

My background and current role mean that I work at the interface of science with industry, whilst being heavily involved in industrial innovation of chemical products. I have extensive international experience, having spent over 10 years living in the USA and The Netherlands, combined with managing research groups across the world. I have previously worked in world class academic research groups and continue to develop links with universities through Synthomer's academic partnership program. This broad perspective will allow me to strategically direct SCI's activities to meet its stated objective to advance the commercial application of chemistry.

As a Trustee I would like to focus on three key strategic areas: 1) Strengthening the interface between chemical companies and academia, to guide commercially relevant early stage research activities and prepare graduates for the challenges of working in an industrial environment. 2) Providing ongoing support to early and mid-stage chemical industry professionals to ensure continual development for individuals and building industry's overall skills base. 3) Promoting the chemical sciences internationally with a view to building expert networks of cross-disciplinary professionals and organisations.

There are three options for voting this year:

1. Voting by post
2. Online voting
3. Vote in person at the Annual General Meeting

Monday 26 June
Wednesday 28 June
Wednesday 5 July