



IP Federation biographies 2019–2020

Suzanne Oliver, President



Suzanne is a UK Chartered Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney, as well as a Chartered Engineer. She has over 15 years of experience in patents, having entered the profession after working for a number of years as an engineer for Nortel Networks; she has a master's degree in electronics from the University of York.

Suzanne has represented Arm on the Council of the IP Federation since 2013 and she supports a wide range of IP strategy, patent and trade mark management issues for Arm. Suzanne was involved in Arm, and a founder member of

ORoPO, the world's first open patent register. In 2016, Suzanne joined the launch panel for the inaugural "Women in IP" networking event, as a part of the UK's "IP Inclusive" initiative. She is also one of Managing Intellectual Property's Corporate IP Stars for 2019.

Belinda Gascoyne, Immediate Past President



Belinda is a UK Chartered Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney with over 20 years of practical experience in all aspects of intellectual property, gained both in private practice and in industry. She has represented IBM on the Council of the IP Federation since 2011. Belinda specialises in the fields of computing and electronics and has a degree in physics from the University of Bristol.

Belinda also represents IBM on the techUK IP Policy Group and the CIPA Computer Technology Committee, and is a Director of ORoPO (Open Register of Patent

Ownership). She is one of Managing Intellectual Property's Corporate IP Stars for 2019.

Outside work, Belinda enjoys spending time with family and friends as well as swimming, walking and sailing.

She was President of the IP Federation from 2018 to 2019.

Scott Roberts, Vice-President

Scott is a UK Chartered Patent Attorney and European Patent attorney with over 18 years of experience in patents gained in both industry and private practice. Scott joined the patent profession after 10 years' experience as a software engineer and a period lecturing in computer science. He has worked in-house at both British Telecommunications and IBM

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specialising in computing and telecommunications technologies. Scott has represented both BT and IBM at the IP Federation since 2008 and chaired the IP Federation patent committee from 2016 to 2019.



Scott is the UK industry representative at the Standing Advisory Committee of the European Patent Office (SACEPO) and also sits on the SACEPO working parties for Rules and Guidelines. He represents UK industry at the BusinessEurope Patents Committee. Since 2009 he has been a member of the Examination Committee of the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for professional representatives. He is also a co-author of the CIPA European Patents Handbook.

Originally from South Wales, he now lives in the South of England with his wife and three children where he tutors maths, science and computing. He volunteers at a local NHS trust where he works with nurses to address the challenges in their professional practice. In his down-time he can be found indulging in dystopian literature.

David England, Company Secretary



David joined the IP Federation as Secretary in June 2010. He is a UK and European Patent Attorney with 25 years of experience gained at Reckitt & Colman, Astra Pharmaceuticals and BTG International. During his career, he has worked extensively on the creation, defence and licensing of intellectual property (mainly patents, but also designs and trade marks), and has represented his employers on both the Patents and Designs Committees of the IP Federation.

In his spare time, David sings with the highly regarded BBC Symphony Chorus, performing regularly at venues including the Barbican and the Royal Albert Hall.

Helen Georghiou, Office Manager



Helen joined the IP Federation as Admin Assistant in November 2016. This was a completely new sector for her, as she had spent over 20 years as a PA and office manager in market research companies. She then followed her personal passion and entered the world of property development, where she still works on a part-time basis. Some could say that in many respects intellectual property and physical property have similarities when it comes to ownership and rights, so joining the IP Federation made perfect sense. It has proven to be a rewarding environment.

With two teenage daughters, a husband and a dog, there's not much time left! But where possible, Helen enjoys interior designing, socialising ... and the odd vodka or two!