

OFFICERS

RUTH BORNER PhD, CChem, FRSC

Elected Member 2001

Ruth is currently Head of UK Personal Care business at LEHVOSS UK Ltd. She studied chemistry at Hull University and for a PhD in liquid crystals at Leeds University, rounding off her academic career at Newcastle University with post-doctoral research in novel synthetic routes to discotic liquid crystals. She has held a wide variety of roles in the cosmetics industry starting at Potter & Moore in 1986 working in finished goods production and quality control; with Elizabeth Arden, part of the Unilever Group at the time, in quality assurance and regulatory and moving to brand owners; auditing manufacturers and ensuring compliance to cosmetics regulations. Her current role covers the technical and regulatory aspects of raw materials in the EU, translating this into training and education at all levels.

Ruth joined the Society of Cosmetic Scientists in 2001 attending the London lectures to keep up to date with the industry and to take advantage of the networking opportunities. She subsequently studied the Distance Learning Course to address the gap between pure chemistry studies and the diverse scientific fields required in cosmetic science. She became involved in the Publicity and Recruitment committee and joined council in 2011 taking over the chair of P&R in 2012, held the position of Honorary Secretary for 2 years and is currently the Vice-President.

JACKIE SEARLE SCS Dip

Elected Member 2001

Current position - Group Business Development Manager for IMCD BV. Jackie trained via the apprenticeship route, studying pharmacy with The Apothecary Hall of London and Nottingham University whilst working for Boots the Chemists. After qualifying in 1987 she joined Henkel as a Quality Control Chemist. After 2 years the opportunity to join the Cospha (Cosmetics & Pharmaceuticals) team arose as Technical Service Chemist and that was the real start of her career with the personal care world. Jackie studied for the SCS Diploma in Cosmetic Science back in 1989 (Hibbot Memorial prize winner that year) when it was run by the Polytechnic of Central London prior to it becoming a Distance Learning programme. Jackie then taught on the course both at PCL and its next home at the London College of Fashion and is still involved as an exam question setter in its current format with the DLC. In 1999 Jackie went on to become the UK Technical Service Manager for Personal Care & Homecare after Henkel became Cognis. Then in 2007 she then spent 3 years heading up the UK Pharmaceutical Business Unit for Cognis before coming back into personal care when she joined IMCD UK in 2010 as Business Unit Manager for Personal Care & Homecare. In 2014 Jackie spent one year working with Kemcare Ltd as their Personal Care Sales Director but returned to IMCD last year to her current position within the IMCD Group team. Jackie first joined the SCS in 1989, and then joined the Scientific Programme Committee in 2009, of which she became chairman in 2014. Jackie was elected to Council in 2014.

STEVE BARTON BSc MSc CBiol

Elected Member 1989

Steve Barton has almost 40 years' experience as a skin biologist, the last 25 of these in the cosmetics industry, initially with Boots and later with Oriflame. Steve extended his knowledge into cosmetic products, developing novel patentable formulations as well as having experience in mainstream formulations across most of the cosmetic technology areas. Subsequently he combined his newfound experience with a core interest in skin and its assessment developing novel claims and helping to set up and manage in-house testing facilities and claims support teams and in both Boots and Oriflame.

Steve has extensive experience working with stakeholders inside and outside the cosmetics industry. Within UK and EU areas Steve has been a SCS Council member and a regular contributor to SCS educational and scientific events: he has also contributed to industry working parties on product claims testing guidelines, most recently with the CTPA/ASA claims working group. Work with external stakeholders has included links with experts at Manchester University and Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, links with charities such as British Skin Foundation, and wide experience with the mainstream and beauty press nationally and internationally in support of Boots and Oriflame skincare brands.

Steve has authored more than 20 scientific papers, contributed to and co-edited a number of books on skin and cosmetic science. Steve is currently Practitioner in Residence at London College of Fashion (University of the Arts London) and since setting up Skin Thinking in 2012, has worked in various capacities with a range of industry clients.

MOJGAN MODDARESI PharmD PhD CBiol MSB

Elected Member 2004

Mojgan is a senior safety assessor and a regulatory expert at Personal Care Regulatory Ltd (www.personalcareregulatory.eu). She graduated as a pharmacist (Pharm.D.) in 1998 and worked in different roles such as formulation scientist, regulatory and quality control in pharmaceutical companies. In 2004, she was awarded the scholarship from the University of Arts London and was the first PhD graduate in cosmetic science from LCF (London College of Fashion). During her PhD, she also worked as a visiting scientist at King's College London, pharmaceutical division. Her research was focused on using nanotechnology to enhance the efficacy of cosmetic product from natural origins. After her PhD, she had gained further experience working in a cosmetic contract manufacturer (London) and a biopharmaceutical company (Cambridge) in different formulation and regulatory roles. Mojgan joined the Society of Cosmetic Scientists in 2004. She soon became involved in the Scientific Committee, Publicity, and Recruitment committees, and the working group for SCS formulate. She joined the council in 2013 and took over as chair of the International Journal of Cosmetic Science. She is a fellow of the Royal Society of Biology and a Chartered Biologist. She gained valuable experience of the treasurer's role as the Treasurer of the Society of Biology, Essex Branch (2014- 2015).

BARRY WINSLETT GPRI

Elected Member 1990

Barry was educated in London and Kingston Universities. He worked in chemical manufacturing and distribution selling in to the cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries over a period of many years. This includes a long period as an International sales manager responsible for Scandinavia, African, Middle East, Asian and Australasian markets

For the last 12 years Barry has worked for IMCD UK Ltd, currently as Account and Product Manager. He has been chair of the Publicity and Recruitment Committee since 2013 having been on Council on two occasions since 2009.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

RUSSELL COX PhD, MRSC

Elected Member 2012

Russell studied both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in applied chemistry at the University of Leeds, and subsequently completed several research and teaching fellowships within the University of Leeds and North Carolina State University. Throughout his post academic career he has gained research and manufacturing experience in such diverse industries as; pharmaceutical, polymers and plastics, food and beverages, personal care, Oil and gas field, and medicinal research. In the 5 years he has been with the Stephenson Group he has had opportunity to work across all company divisions conducting strategic focussed research for novel product development and the provision of technical expertise in solving project specific problems. He joined the SCS in early 2012, and became an active member of the Educational Committee later the same year.

LAURA KIRKBRIDE BSC (Hons) SCS Dip

Elected Member 2004

A graduate in Chemistry from Nottingham Trent University in 2001 Laura started her career in the Product Development lab of Harmer Personal Care, a contract manufacturer of Cosmetics of Toiletries. She quickly followed her degree by studying for a Diploma in Cosmetic Science by distance learning through the Society of Cosmetic Scientists. Completing this with Distinction in 2003 she was awarded the The Hibbott Memorial Prize as the student with the highest overall mark in that year group. Laura continued to work at Harmer Personal Care for 6 years, formulating bespoke hair care and body care formulations, taking over leadership of the Product Development team after the company became Hallam Beauty in 2006.

With a desire to expand her experience into skin care formulations Laura left Hallam Beauty to join Oreal in 2007 developing efficacious and award-winning formulations for their clients. Following a change of ownership in 2009 Laura took over Technical Directorship encompassing Research & Development, Regulatory and Quality Assurance functions where her team successfully navigated Oreal's clients through the challenges of moving from Cosmetic Directive to Cosmetic Regulation implemented in 2013. Laura is passionate about encouraging education and research in cosmetic and related sciences and is an active member of the Society of Cosmetic Scientists. She is the current Chair of SCS Northern Regional Development group responsible for executing a number of seminars throughout their educational calendar.

SHONA BEAR BSc

Elected Member 1989

Shona graduated from Dundee College of Technology with a degree in Chemistry and Management with little idea for what she wanted to do as a future career. She fell into the beauty industry when she joined Yardley of London as a chemist after exhausting all career opportunities in Scotland. Shona promised friends and family that she would be back in Scotland as soon as she could, over 30 years later she still hasn't returned !

After gaining a good grounding at Yardley Shona moved onto Dewhirst at that time a major

own label contract manufacturer. During her time at Yardley she joined the SCS and gained her Diploma in Cosmetic Science. After a few years she moved onto Robert Mcbrides as Technical Manager again working with all the major high street retailers. While at Mcbrides she began lecturing on the old Diploma in Cosmetic Science covering the haircare module. In 1994 she moved back south to join Mark & Spencer as a Technologist in the beauty department. This was a great opportunity as the business was really expanding within beauty and she was lucky enough to be involved in moving into new product areas and new manufacturing countries. In 2001 she moved back into manufacturing by joining LF Beauty as Director of Quality, this was a massive learning curve dealing with all the day to day quality issues which were through her way. The lure of retail was too strong though and she returned to Marks & Spencer in 2006. This period again saw massive changes and she oversaw the re-launch of beauty, bringing in external brands, along with entering new countries for both manufacturing and retail. In April this year she decided to leave her comfort zone and move to a brand. She has recently joined Bulldog Men's Skincare as Head of NDP and Technical to help move this very exciting brand to the next level.

She was involved in writing the original haircare module for the Distance Learning course in 1995 and has been involved with the SCS Scientific Programme Committee since 2013 and the Social Committee since 2014. Shona has two boys who keep her busy with their social lives but in her spare time she loves baking making birthday and wedding cakes for friends. Over the last few years she has taken up running and recently completed her first half marathon, running for Look Good Feel Better.

MUSTAFA VARCIN

Elected Member 2013

Dr Mustafa Varçin is a Course Leader for the integrated MSc Cosmetic Science, and responsible for its academic leadership and management, including design, development and delivery of the curriculum. He has a background in Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Sciences, with a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Brussels, Belgium). During his PhD studies, he was co-supervisor of Master's theses in a range of pharmaceutical disciplines. His research is published in peer-reviewed journals and presented at international conferences. His teaching on the integrated MSc Cosmetic Science covers the areas of chemistry and properties of cosmetic raw materials, formulation technology, cosmetic legislation, product safety and production. He also supervises a range of student projects, from year 1 to the master's level. Dr Varçin is a holder of the UAL Student Union Teaching Award for his excellent teaching. His main research interests include skin barrier function and epidermal antioxidant activity, development and efficacy testing of dermo-cosmetic formulations and safety assessment of finished cosmetic products.

SAM FARMER

Elected Member 2011

Sam is a brand owner for a range of unisex personal care products for teenagers. He studied Urban Economics at Sheffield Hallam University before a career in Television Production. In 2011 Sam joined the SCS as a student and took the Distance Learning Course in 2012.

As part of being a brand owner Sam has been invited into many Schools, Colleges and UTC's to talk about all aspects of the Personal Care industry. Sam's interest in Cosmetic

Science education led him, in 2015, to become an Ambassador for the SCS's 'Scrub Up On Science' Schools programme.

Sam regularly attends industry conferences as well as SCS lectures and has spoken at Making Cosmetics, Formulate and the Science Behind Beauty event at the RSC.

AMANDA ISOM

Elected Member 2006

With 17 years' experience at the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Perfumery Association (CTPA), Amanda has been working in her current position as Technical Affairs Manager since 2011. Her role includes dealing with ingredient and technical issues, with particular interest in the Product Information File (PIF) requirements, nanomaterials and the EU Cosmetic Product Notification Portal as well as representing CTPA on several committees at Cosmetics Europe, the European association, and having chaired the Cosmetics Europe Task Force PIF. Amanda is also responsible for the management of the CTPA's corporate, consumer and educational websites.

In her current role Amanda is a member of a number of external industry and cross-industry groups including the Cosmetics Europe Expert Teams for Nanomaterials and Cosmetic Product Regulation Application, the UK Nanotechnology Environment and Health Industry Group, the Nanotechnology Supply Chain Forum and the British Retail Consortium Consumer Products Standard Working Group.

Amanda joined the SCS in 2006 and has been a member of the Education Committee since 2013. Since being an SCS member Amanda has attended many SCS events, including the PPCS residential course, and also completed the SCS Diploma in Cosmetic Science, for which she is now a contributor and marker. In her spare time, Amanda is a member of Colchester Ladies Circle with whom she has been Secretary, Charity Trustee and involved in the organisation of Colchester Carnival, an event run and managed by volunteers to raise money for local charities.

SARAH GLADSTONE

Elected Member 2006

Employed by RAHN UK as Technical Sales Manager, Sarah is responsible for sales & customer support in the south of England, a position she has held for the last three years. Before this, she joined Schulke & Mayr in 2005 selling preservatives for both technical & cosmetic applications having previously worked in both technical & sales roles in the surface coating industry for more than 25 years. Sarah joined the SCS in 2005 & been a member of the SCS Wales & West Committee & for the last 7 years as well as Social Secretary from 2011 until this year. Sarah has also presented at the PPCS, An avid rugby fan & a Harlequins season ticket holder for over 10 years, until recently Sarah was secretary of the Harlequins supporters association.

STEWART LONG

Elected Member 2002

A biochemist by background, with a degree from Liverpool University and an MSc from Manchester University, with over 25 years' experience in the beauty and healthcare industry. I began my career with Unilever, initially in the dental research group at Colworth House, before moving into the skincare research group where I spent 8 years. I then joined Boots, where over a 12-year career, I held the positions of Claims Innovation

Manager, Product Evaluation Manager, Haircare Scientific Adviser and became company Skincare Scientific Adviser across all Boots brands globally. I was one of the team central to the success Boots enjoyed with the original beauty serum, and was routinely on television, radio and in the newspapers. Additionally, I have a number of publications and patents to my name and have presented at conferences around the world. In 2010 I joined Dow Corning in Belgium as Global Market Leader for Skincare, responsible for the skincare ingredients business and in 2014 I moved on to become Global Market Leader for Medical Device materials. I joined Cutest in November 2015 after nearly 6 years with Dow Corning. My current role is Chief Executive Officer of Cutest Systems Ltd, a contract research organisation based in Cardiff.