

Council 2017

Prof. JOHN BARKER

Member of Council from 2010-2013, 2017 - , Vice President 2014-16.

Professor Emeritus in the College of Science and Engineering, University of Glasgow. He is a theoretical physicist with first degrees in Edinburgh and Durham, PhD at Warwick (1969). Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Theoretical Physics at Warwick University from 1970 - 1985 with long breaks at IBM Thomas J Watson Research Centre, New York; Physics Department, North Texas University; and the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen. Affiliated full professor of physics in Colorado State University from 1979-1984. Since 1977 main research in Nano-electronics and Nano-science. Professor of Electronics in the University of Glasgow 1985-2008 where he set up the Theory section of the Nanoelectronics Research Centre. Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (1990), Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society (1999). Long standing interests in Foundations of Quantum Mechanics, Astronomy/Space Science, Philosophy of Science. Set up a unique undergraduate course in Physics and Philosophy at Warwick University.

Dr GERAINT BEVAN

Council from 2016

Vice President 2017

Dr Geraint Bevan Council member from 2016 Raised in Letchworth Garden City; educated at Salford (BEng Aeronautical Engineering, 1996) and Glasgow (PhD Control Engineering, 2008; PGCAP, 2010). Lecturer in Applied Instrumentation and Control at Glasgow Caledonian University (2009-). Chartered Engineer. Member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology, Member of the Institute of Measurement and Control, and Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Previously worked as a Flight Test Engineer, Flight Systems Engineer, then Senior Flight Systems Engineer at British Aerospace (1996-2003), including a three year secondment to Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in Fort Worth, Texas; then returned to academia as a Research Assistant, Research Associate, Programmer/Analyst and University Teacher at the University of Glasgow (2003-2010).

Published research on modelling with bond-graphs for control system design; design of automotive control systems; and monitoring for nuclear safeguards. Outside academia, has interests in civil liberties and data privacy; co-ordinates NO2ID Scotland (2005-); and administers the unofficial Friends of the Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow community on Facebook.

Prof. ALEXANDER BROADIE

Council from 2016

Alexander Broadie was raised in Edinburgh, and educated at the Royal High School and at Edinburgh University (MA philosophy). After a period of study at Balliol College, Oxford, he joined the philosophy department at Glasgow University. He holds a PhD and a DLitt from GU, and a doctorate honoris causa from Blaise Pascal University (Clermont-Ferrand). The Royal Society of Edinburgh appointed him Henry Duncan Prize Lecturer in Scottish Studies (1990-1993) and in 1991 elected him FRSE. He is now emeritus professor of logic and rhetoric and an honorary professorial research fellow at GU, where he works on the Scottish philosophical tradition, a field in which, over the past three decades, he has written or edited about twenty books.

Dr COLIN BROWN MBCS FRCGP

Council from 2015

Recently retired from GP practice, now working for NHS Scotland's Scottish Clinical Information Management Program on various eHealth projects such as GP record portability, SPIRE research database, automation of prescribing and document management systems.

After graduating in 1976 from Caius College Cambridge and Kings College Hospital London, I have worked as GP in Brixton, Clydebank, Glasgow and Jura then 33 years in Paisley. Worked with Royal College of GPs, BMA in Scotland and UK, and various Health Boards and Govt. Health Depts.

Special interests include substance abuse, psychological therapies, deprivation and the use of IT systems in healthcare. In 1990s was Audit and Research lead for Renver PCT and Westnet GP Network, and from 2004 - 07 worked on NHS Scotland's National Resource Allocation Committee.

I learned, when studying History and Philosophy of Science in 1973, to enjoy questions with no single answer, which has now led me to the multi-faceted world of the RPSG.

PATRICIA FORT

Council from 2017

Born on the Yorkshire edge of Lancashire in the north-west of England, attended a direct grant girls grammar school, decided to study civil engineering and after working for a year with a major firm of consultants in London, gained a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the University of Southampton.

Worked for the Department of Transport in the north-east and north-west of England on motorway and bypass bridge and road design and construction, becoming a Chartered Civil Engineer in 1978.

In 1979 joined British Rail, gave birth to sons in 1981 and 1983, and in 1986 gained promotion to work for the Scottish Region of British Rail based in Glasgow. Worked in a variety of posts, perhaps the most notable being Permanent Way Maintenance Engineer, West Highland, responsible for the maintenance and safety of the railway track from Hyndland to Helensburgh, Oban and Mallaig from 1990 until 1994.

Became a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers in 2006 and from 2008 until 2012 worked for the Institution as a Membership Development Officer, encouraging people in the industry to gain professional accreditation.

Since 2012 has developed a keen interest in the provision of good quality cycle infrastructure along with a good urban environment so that more of us can get on our bikes and ride or walk around our towns and cities.

Dr MARY FRASER

Member of Council from 2012-2015, 2017-

Born into a family of bankers on her father's side, Mary's schooling followed her father's moves across England as he gained promotion. On leaving school she trained as a nurse at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford and Guy's Hospital, London during the 1960s. After obtaining a BSc (Hons) in Psychology in 1982 she entered higher education where she set up one of the first three part-time degrees for qualified nurses in the UK. She was awarded a Research Studentship by the Department of Health to study for a Masters Degree in Social Research which she followed with a PhD from Goldsmiths College, University of London. An exhibition of her PhD formed part of the Edinburgh Science Festival in 1994. She

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set up her own business, Research and Project Consultancy, in 1993. Her contracts, mostly by open competition, were from national and local bodies; she employed a number of post-graduate research assistants. During this time she was also a part-time Senior Lecturer in the Department of Government, University of Strathclyde, where she taught and supervised post-graduate students. Since retirement in 2008, she has become interested in the history of the police, particularly 1900 – 1920.

JOE FREEDMAN

Council from 2017

Joe Freedman is founder and director of ACS Clothing Ltd, which provides menswear hire throughout the UK and the US. One of Joe's main interests is in developing ranges of tartans and tweeds for ACS and he continues to design new menswear outfits in accordance with the demands of the wedding industry in both countries.

He is currently a volunteer mentor in Entrepreneurial Spark, advising business start-ups. He has recently stepped down from chairing the British Bridal Suppliers Association, which he founded by merging two previous rival associations.

Joe was vice-chair of the Tron Theatre during the '80s and '90s. He chaired their building committee, managing and delivering the successful redevelopment of the theatre using Lottery Funding; achieving the distinction of being one of the few Lottery-funded projects to be completed on budget.

MARIA FYFE

Council member from 2015

Born in The Gorbals, grew up in Pollok, Glasgow. Married Jim Fyfe (deceased), industrial relations journalist. Two sons, four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren.

As mature student, gained Upper Second in Economic History, then teaching qualification. Lectured in Further Education in Falkirk, then senior lecturer on TUC courses for union reps at Central College, Glasgow. Awarded Hon Doctorate by Glasgow University for work on behalf of women.

Glasgow councillor 1980-87, convener of Personnel Committee, depute city treasurer, before being elected Labour MP for Glasgow Maryhill 1987 – 2001. Appointed deputy shadow minister for women, later Scottish front bench spokesperson on Health, Education and Arts. Chaired Scottish Group of Labour MPs. Chaired Scottish Constitutional Convention working party on equal representation of women in planned Scottish Parliament, long involvement in women's rights campaigns. Other parliamentary work included international development, making preparations for the Good Friday Agreement, and membership of the Council of Europe, advancing human rights issues.

Interests: Labour politics, cookery, writing. Author of memoir "A Problem Like Maria" (a reminiscence of 14 years in Westminster) and editor of collection of essays "Women Saying No" aimed at countering the lack of women's voices and concerns being heard in the referendum debate. Currently chair of the Remember Mary Barbour Association, which plans to have a statue erected in her memory.

MISS MARGARET MCNICOL HOUSTON

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Council member from 2014

Hon Treasurer 2017

Glaswegian. Began working life in secretarial positions. Studied as mature student. MA (Political Economy/Economic History 1981) Glasgow. PG Dip (Executive Sec. Stud with Accs) Strathclyde, (Sec Teacher Training 1983) Jordanhill. Cert. Mortgage Advice and Equity Release(CII 2008).

Employment: Whitehill Secondary School 1983/5 - Bus Stud and Econ:

Central College of Commerce 1985/2007 - Econ and Accs to HNC/HND

Voluntary work: Assist with fund raising for Artists for Mary's Meals: Assist with accounts: Charity Education International.

Dr JEFFREY JAY CBE

Immediate Past President.

Council member from 2010, Vice President 2012-2014, President 2014-2016.

Born and educated in Glasgow. Consultant ophthalmologist and clinical director, Tennent Institute of Ophthalmology, Glasgow. Retired 2007. Formerly; President Royal College of Ophthalmologists, member of the General Medical Council and advisor to the Chief Medical Officer in Scotland. Devised UK national programmes for cataract surgery and screening for diabetic retinopathy. Until 2015, Chairman of the British Council for the Prevention of Blindness. Current activities include portrait photography and panelist for Children's Hearings. History, art, sailing, skiing and hill walking fill the gaps.

EMERITUS PROFESSOR JAN MCDONALD, FRSE, FRSAMD

Council Member from 2010-2013

Vice President from 2014 - 2015

President from 2016 -

Jan McDonald was the James Arnott Professor of Drama at the University of Glasgow from 1979 till her retirement in 2005. She currently serves as Dean of Faculties.

Her principal research publications are on Victorian and Edwardian theatre history.

During her period of office at the University, she served on the University Court, and was for many years a Governor of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, (the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland), Chair of the Board of Citizens' Theatre, Glasgow, Chair of the Dance and Drama Committee of the Council for National Academic Awards, and a member of the Arts and Humanities Research Board. She also chaired the Drama Committee of the Scottish Arts Council from 1985-8.

She was Vice-President (Arts and Humanities) of the Royal Society of Edinburgh from 2005- 2008,

She is now actively involved in charitable work.

Professor McDonald was awarded the Arts Medal of the Royal Philosophical Society in 2010.

JEAN MCFADDEN

Council from 2016

Jean McFadden C.B.E.

Born and bred in Glasgow.

Jean McFadden studied Classics at Glasgow University and taught Latin, Greek and Classical Studies in various schools for over 20 years. When the teaching of Classics died in state schools, she was declared "surplus to requirements". She then took an LL.B degree at Strathclyde University and subsequently joined SCU's Law School as a lecturer, later senior lecturer, specialising in constitutional, administrative and local government law.

In addition to teaching and lecturing, she was also an elected member of the City Councils in Glasgow for 41 years. She was Leader of the Council on several occasions, City Treasurer for 6 years, Convener of Personnel, Convener of Social Strategy and Convener of Strathclyde Joint Police Board. She was also Executive member for Corporate Governance and Executive member for Education.

She was elected as the first female President of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities in 1990 and awarded a C.B.E. in 1992 for service to Glasgow.

She was awarded the Lord Provost's medal for services to local government in 2012

She chaired the Commission on the Review of Charity Law in Scotland which reported in 2001 and led to the Charities and Trustee Investment (Sc) Act 2005 and the establishment of OSCR.

She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Theatre and of the Ancient Monuments Board for several years.

She has been a member of the Board of the Legal Services Agency for many years and has been Convener of the Board of Directors since 2015. She is also a member of the Advisory Committee of Strathclyde University's Law Clinic.

Dr COLIN MILLER

Council member from 2016 (co-opted), elected 2017

I was born and educated in Glasgow and qualified as a doctor in 1976. My post graduate training is in anaesthetics and has mostly been in the central belt of Scotland. I spent a year in Hong Kong (we went as a family) doing cardio-thoracic anaesthesia and was appointed as a consultant anaesthetist at Stobhill Hospital in 1990. My special interests were Intensive Care, dental anaesthesia for people with learning difficulties and anaesthesia for major gynaecological cancer surgery. I was clinician in charge of the ICU at Stobhill for three years and also the President of the West of Scotland Society of Anaesthetists.

Currently I am working as a theatre anaesthetist three days a week spread out over five days.

Happily married, two children and two grandchildren I am fortunate to live in Glasgow which offers so many opportunities for exercising the mind and body...and tastebuds. Regrets, few, but I wish I had taken up sailing in my teens rather than in my forties.

PROF. ALAN SHENKIN

Vice President 2016-

Member of Council from 2013-2016

Alan Shenkin received his medical and biochemical training in Glasgow. As a Senior Registrar, he was fortunate to spend a year working in Stockholm with the nutritional pioneer, Arvid Wretling, who encouraged his interest in micronutrients in nutrition, especially in the seriously ill. He was appointed Consultant in Clinical Biochemistry at Glasgow Royal Infirmary in 1978, and subsequently became the foundation Professor of Clinical Chemistry at the University of Liverpool, and Honorary Consultant and Clinical Director of Clinical Biochemistry and Metabolic Medicine at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital from 1990-2007.

Amongst his many society positions, he was President of the Association of Clinical Biochemists from 2000-2003, and President for the European Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition Conference in Glasgow in 2002. Currently he is Honorary President of the British Nutrition Foundation.

He has published over 130 book chapters and reviews, and over 400 research papers, mainly on micronutrients in health, disease and in nutritional support, and the assessment of nutritional status. Despite formally retiring at the end of 2007, as Emeritus Professor of Clinical Chemistry at the University of Liverpool, he continues to be active in writing and in research.

JANAN SULAIMAN

Hon Treasurer from 2014 - 2017

Council from 2017

A practicing Management Consultant and an Academic. Lecturing primarily at the Adam Smith Business School and also itinerantly involved with other business schools in the UK and abroad. After his postgraduates degree in

1981 and MBA 1992 at Strathclyde, continued to work with leading international firms holding management positions primarily on innovation design, marketing and strategy.

He is a visiting lecturer, MBA & MSc programs, lecturing on Global Marketing, Managing Strategic Change, Systems thinking, strategy Dynamics, and sustainability and carbon technology. Is an examiner on MBA and MSc courses. Is a member of the editorial board of Journal of Modelling in Management JM2, and the European Management Journal.

Janan is an active member of some voluntary organisations, a past chairman & vice chairman of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers in Renfrewshire and a member of "Reach". Was on Emmaus board. A past chairman of St John Ogilvie School board. He gives voluntary management consultancy assistance and advice to a variety of existing voluntary organisations and charities.