

	BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	POLICY STATEMENT
<p>Dr Andy Storer CEng, FIMechE</p> 	<p>My career started in the steam turbine industry, where I completed a "thick sandwich" student apprenticeship with GEC Turbine Generators Ltd. In 1985, I moved to Rolls-Royce, working primarily on compressor design and completing a Ph.D. In 1993, I joined the orthopaedics industry and eventually became Director of Product Development and Intellectual Property for Stryker Howmedica Osteonics in France. Since 2001, I have worked in the European Patent Office in Munich.</p> <p>I have been on the Germany Group committee since its foundation in 2012, firstly as Honorary Secretary and then since 2016 as the Chair. During this time I have worked to establish close links with the other organisations in Germany, including the Verein Deutscher Ingenieure (VDI), the Department of International Trade and the British Embassy.</p>	<p>I passionately believe that the primary role of the IMechE is to serve its members. One of the most important ways to do this in Europe is to encourage international companies, particularly those with a strong presence in the UK, to actively recognise membership of the IMechE as an international mark of competence. Considerable progress in this direction has been made in Germany with the support of Rolls-Royce Deutschland - I would like to replicate this success as much as possible throughout Europe. I also believe that the position of the IMechE in Europe can only be strengthened by increased cooperation with other organisations.</p>