

Imperial College Union
Nomination to the Trustee Board
A note by the President

Background

The Trustee Board currently has a vacancy for a lay trustee, of which there are four places in total. Lay trustees are appointed by the Council for a period of up to three years.

I am inviting you to appoint *Simon Maddison* to the role, for a full three-year term.

In addition to the experience detailed in the biography below, Simon was chairman of the London branch of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) and currently sits on the Imperial College Court as that institution's representative.

I first met Simon about three years ago, when I spotted that his picture on the IET website had been taken in Beit Quad (during a reunion). I feel that his active involvement in the IET and his experience in industry are exactly the qualities Imperial College Union should be looking for in a trustee.

Brief Biography - Simon Maddison BSc(Eng) MSc ACGI DIC CEng FIET FBCS

Simon Maddison is a professional engineer with over 35 years of experience in managing the development and market introduction of leading edge technology products and systems, as well as building new companies from scratch.

Simon spent a formative period in engineering management roles with established telecommunication companies, including BT, GEC, Siemens and Mitel. He then became a founding executive in a series of innovative start-up companies: *Enigma*, *Comwave* and *RedBox Technologies* before becoming CTO with start-ups *MaviCom* and *Mavista*. More recently he has worked with University College London on industrial collaboration and technology spin outs.

Simon is an experienced and versatile professional engineer, with a very extensive background in technology development and innovation, as well as a broad range of business, management and financial skills developed through his leading role in start-up companies. He has been an active member of his professional institution throughout his career, serving in various roles.

Simon Maddison graduated with a first class honours in Electrical Engineering from Imperial College, London, and later gained a Masters in Computer Science from the same institution. He is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of both the Institution of Engineering and Technology and the British Computer Society. During his final year at Imperial as an undergraduate he was both chairman of the Weeks Hall committee and commodore of the Sailing Club.