

David Durling

introduction

Dr David Durling HonFDRS PhD MDesRCA BA is an independent scholar.

Now retired, he previously held several professorships at UK universities in departments of design.

education

His education was BA in furniture (Wycombe) MDes in industrial design (Royal College of Art, London), and PhD in design education (Open University).

professional roles

A past Chair of the *Design Research Society* (1998-2006), he is a founder of the *International Association of Societies of Design Research* (IASDR) and has held posts of Secretary-General and Vice President. He is an elected Honorary Fellow of DRS.

He is an inveterate networker, and in 2002 co-chaired the first of what became the DRS biennial conferences. He was also engaged in other conferences such as *Doctoral Education in Design* - the 2000 event held in La Clusaz France led to an influential co-authored book. He has helped develop the quality of conference peer review processes, and been adviser or reviewer for many other conferences. He has considerable expertise in PhD supervision and examination internationally.

He is the founding editor of the online *Design Research News* which has over 9000 subscribers world-wide, and which he has edited for more than twenty years. In 1998 he also co-founded the discussion forum *phd-design*, focused on doctoral studies in design.

Dr Durling held a number of senior research management posts in UK universities for example Professor of Design at Middlesex University London, and Associate Dean (Research) at BIAD Birmingham City University.

Prior to his academic career, he ran a design consultancy specialising in science laboratory planning and equipment design, and latterly was managing director of a manufacturing company.

He has commercial experience in furniture, interiors, product design and design management.

He was a panel member for Art & Design in the UK national Research Assessment Exercises in 2001 and 2008, and was consultant to a number of university departments in shaping proposals for REF2014 and REF2021.

interests

His research interests have ranged across: creativity and designer personality; peer review processes; doctoral supervision and examination; and research management. Current personal interests include reading, sail boats, and low carbon retrofit of homes.