

Changing of the Guard at ARMA UK

By Andrew Chamberlain

After seven years at the helm, Dr. Ian Carter's tenure as Chair of the UK's Association of Research Managers and Administrators (ARMA) has come to an end, and on August 1, he was succeeded by Dr. Simon Kerridge, Director of Research Services at the University of Kent.

Simon has been a member of ARMA for 17 years and was a member of the Board of Directors for 12 years, from 2000 to 2012. Prior to his new appointment, he acted as a special advisor to the ARMA Board of Directors in relation to the development of the new five-year *Strategic Plan & Implementation Framework* www.arma.ac.uk/about Simon brings with him a wealth of experience, including detailed knowledge of pre-award and post-award finance, post-graduate research, ethics and governance, impact and the UK's Research Assessment Exercises and Research Excellence Framework. Simon's professional doctorate is in Research Management and Administration and he is a strong advocate for the formal recognition of research management and administration as a profession and for the accreditation of our profession.

During Ian's time as Chair, he guided the Association through significant developments and major changes including:

- ✓ Delivery of an expanded Training & Development Programme, successful annual conferences and the 2008 biennial INORMS Congress
- ✓ Growth of ARMA's membership number and expansion of their profile to over 2,000 individuals from across 220 research organisations
- ✓ Development, launch and continual enhancement of the ARMA Professional Development Framework www.arma.ac.uk/professional-development-framework
- ✓ Recruitment of a specialist, professional staff base, who deliver ARMA services in a robust operational structure
- ✓ Development and publication of the ARMA *Strategic Plan and Implementation Framework for 2013-18*
- ✓ Laying the foundation for professional ARMA qualifications (the first of which will be launched in January 2014) and ultimately ARMA's target status as the UK's Chartered Institute of Research Management



Dr. Ian Carter, University of Sussex (L) and Dr. Simon Kerridge, University of Kent (R).

Ian will continue to work closely with us on informing and delivering ARMA's *International Excellence* strategic priority, and we would like to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge and thank Ian for his significant leadership of ARMA and for his influence in shaping and strengthening our international community. ■



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