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Testimonial

Over my 40-year career, spanning both Asset Owner and Consultancy roles, I've had the privilege of working with some of the most prominent Engineering and Asset Management consultancy firms, leading and contributing to projects for major infrastructure organisations in over 50 countries across five continents. As I reflect on this journey, I recognise that my parallel volunteering activities with the Institute of Asset Management (IAM) have been equally significant – often shaping my decisions and guiding me down unexpected and rewarding paths.

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In 2012, I attended my first IAM Conference at Warwick University – a defining moment in my professional journey, which marked the beginning of my deeper involvement with the Institute. The opportunity to connect with some of the world's leading Asset Management professionals, and to gain insight into the IAM's vision, was truly inspiring. Looking back, I now see that conference as a pivotal turning point in my career.

Alongside my day-to-day professional roles, I became increasingly engaged in volunteering with the IAM, taking on several significant projects and leadership positions, for example:

- Project Director for one of the first Subject Specific Guidance (SSG) documents – Organisation, Structure & Culture (Subjects 28 & 29) (2012–2015).
- UK Group Lead for the Organisation & People Enablers Group of the GFMAM Asset Management Landscape and IAM Anatomy 2nd editions. This was a collaboration between the IAM and the Asset Management Council Australia. (2013).
- Project Director for the Self-Assessment Methodology (SAM) and its enhancement to SAM+, playing a key role in advancing IAM's thinking on maturity and its assessment. (2013–2015).

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- Contributed to the Asset Information SSG covering Asset Information, Strategy, Standards and Data Management (Subjects 22, 23 & 24). (2014–2015).
- Contributed to the Asset Management Maturity Scale and Guidance. (2015).
- Secured IAM Patron status for my employer at that time, Sinclair Knight Merz – an important milestone in our support of the Institute. (2013).
- Elected Chair of Patrons. (2014–2017).
- Served as a member of the IAM Conference Organising Committee. (2014–2016).
- Became a Founding Director of the IAM UK Chapter. (2015).
- Held dual roles of Finance Director and Technical Chair for the IAM UK. (2015–2019).
- Conducted numerous AMP application reviews and interviews. (2015–2019).

These voluntary activities have played a pivotal role in shaping my career, supporting my progression from a seasoned Asset Management consultant to a professional recognised on the global stage.

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In 2018, I was honoured to receive the President's Award in recognition of my contributions to the IAM – a proud and defining moment in my career. The following year, I became the 11th registered Asset Management Professional (AMP), and in 2020, I was deeply honoured to be awarded Fellowship of the IAM (FIAM).

Based on my personal experience, I wholeheartedly encourage anyone serious about Asset Management and looking to advance their career to get involved with the IAM and contribute through volunteering. It's a rewarding investment – not only for personal and professional growth, but also for the benefit of the Institute and the advancement of the discipline as a whole.