

Goodbye to Keith Lawrey

On Wednesday 24th of April, Chris Goodacre and Ian Blackman represented IOM at the retirement event held in London at Gray's Inn for Keith Lawrey of the Foundation for Science and Technology. He was a qualified barrister, methodist preacher and a higher education lecturer. He is a member of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and an Honorary Member of the Engineering Council amongst many others.

Most IOM UK members will not have heard of this very capable gentleman. He was engaged by FST in 1997 to help associations develop into formal institutions and has helped many of the 111 FST member companies including IOM.

Keith was instrumental in giving guidance and support to the development of our governance as COG transitioned into IOM in 2015. This was an incredibly significant contribution and essential as we had to ensure that the new IOM Articles met the strict requirements of an Institution.

Keith spent many hours with Chris advising on changes to our Articles of Association and advising Phil Wardle how best to put in place the professional development programme. With his membership of the Electronics Council he was well placed to assist us with our journey. He has also been on hand for any further legal governance queries, or indeed assistance with professional registration and discipline matters that cropped up in the interim. He will be sorely missed and we wish him all the best for his retirement.

The FST decided that this service was of importance to current members, and has therefore appointed Lori Frecker as his replacement. She also has a legal background, and will be available for IOM to call on if required.