

# Meet the Board

A series of rapid interviews offering an insight into the people behind the directorial titles

Iain Slade began his career at UKHO, first as a Marine Cartographer, then as a Bathymetric Appraisal Officer in the Seabed Data Centre. From there he moved into civil engineering at a number of commercial consultancies mainly in the port, civil hydrography and nearshore/coastal sectors. A move to Fugro expanded his capabilities and enabled him to go further offshore exposing him to geophysical site surveys, geotechnical investigations, rig moves, ROV construction, inspection and routine maintenance work.

Iain is a graduate of University of Plymouth, with a BSc (Hons) in Ocean Science and MSc Hydrography (FIG/IHO/ICA Category "A" Course). He is currently the Hydrographic Training Programme Manager for Fugro at their training centre in Plymouth; he runs an IBSC FIG/ICA/IHO Category B accredited training Programme. His teaching portfolio covers a broad range of topics reflecting his experience, knowledge and skills gained in a wide range of roles across the Hydrographic Industry.

Iain is currently on the THS UK board, the THS UK education committee and is the South West region Chair.



<p>What did you have for breakfast this morning?</p>	<p>Describe your ideal holiday</p>	<p>What is your favourite colour? Describe that colour to someone who cannot see</p>
<p>Porridge or Weetabix with some fruit and nut muesli and a cup of tea.</p>	<p>Indonesian surf safari</p>	<p>Turquoise – it's not blue it's not green somewhere in-between or is that teal?</p>
<p>What might we be surprised to discover that you're very good at?</p>	<p>What was your childhood ambition?</p>	<p>If you were stranded on a deserted island what three things would you like to have with you and why?</p>
<p>Growing chillies</p>	<p>Different at different ages, helicopter pilot, scene of crime, cartographer.</p>	<p>A water purifier/desalination device, to survive... a machete because a swiss army knife just doesn't cut it, a wind up/solar powered radio, for company, entertainment and something to keep you sane.</p>
<p>What is your favourite meal?</p>	<p>What is the most unusual thing you've been asked to do in your career?</p>	<p>What would your colleagues say is your best quality?</p>
<p>An Indian with all the trimmings</p>	<p>Annually send valentines cards to my bosses' daughters.</p>	<p>Keeping my cool in stressful situations - there have been quite a few of them over the years.</p>
<p>What is your favourite film?</p>	<p>Describe your perfect weekend</p>	<p>What has given you the greatest sense of achievement in your career to date?</p>
<p>If I had to choose one it would be Alien (1979) but I have probably watched Star Wars Episode IV A new hope more times than is healthy.</p>	<p>Three-day weekend - Surfing/Stand up paddle boarding, snorkelling, beach BBQ with family and friends.</p>	<p>Gaining Category B, IBSC accreditation for my Applied Hydrographic Survey Training Programme</p>
<p>What is the best advice you've ever been given?</p>	<p>If there were no restrictions, what would be your ideal job?</p>	<p>What are your pet hates?</p>
<p>Don't dip your nib in the corporate ink... (from my 65+ female hydrographic office chart branch mentor P.B.)</p>	<p>Hydrographic Surveyor... Recording Studio Sound engineer</p>	<p>Having the second 'I' missed out of my name. Being called <u>mate</u> when I don't even know the person. I also don't like cats and strawberries.</p>
<p>Are you an early bird or a night owl?</p>	<p>What is your favourite place in the UK?</p>	<p>What is your favourite App?</p>
<p>Both I used to be a night owl until I had children...</p>	<p>Cornwall</p>	<p>Sonos speaker/ music App</p>
<p>At the end of a long day do you look forward to a cup of herbal tea or a stiff drink?</p>	<p>If you discovered 2000 messages in your inbox and could only respond to 50 of them how would you choose those to reply to?</p>	<p>What three things do you value most about The Hydrographic Society UK?</p>
<p>Stiff drink (aged dark rum is my poison), but I usually end the day with a mint tea.</p>	<p>Just ignore all of them as there must have been some mistake.</p>	<p>Small Community, global scale, exchange of knowledge and ideas</p>
<p>If you could pass any law, what would it be?</p>	<p>Who is the person you most admire (living or dead) and why?</p>	
<p>Reduce the working week to four days and have Friday as an extra day of the weekend.</p>	<p>This question is a little deep for me I couldn't pick one, probably the closest to an answer would be my dad.</p>	
	<p>Do you prefer TV or the internet?</p>	
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