

Roger Blakeway

Looking back on the career of our CEO

"I remember when Roger first joined the Society that Tom Hall was excited that the Society was expanding again. Roger came at just the right time and, his success in persuading all to invest in the IBC, cemented the Society's future. I have always enjoyed Roger's company and the fun had on social events such as the Indian chief bow and arrow dual on one of the Thames events. During Bev and Derrick's wedding celebrations, as we enjoyed a gondola trip around Venice, there came the most appropriate rendition, beautifully performed of "Just One Cornetto". Roger always can see the fun side. I will miss his company on the various trips he and I made together."

Dave Hodges



"When I met Roger back in the end of the 1970's, I was working in the OAK Industries development lab in the Netherlands, ran by Ir. den Toonder, also known by IrdenToonder = Irdeto. He visited the Dutch laboratory and met me and the staff in Dordrecht. Irdeto has been active in the industry ever since and so is also the contact between Roger and me. We kept in touch and after becoming a member of the SCTE, we started working together on SCTE activities. A long and valuable relationship which I always have appreciated a great deal. Roger has been the engine driving the SCTE for so long, we will miss him."

Rien Baan, VP, SCTE



"Roger and I have worked together in the SCTE since he first joined. I endorse all the praise for Roger made by my colleagues, he has been an asset to the SCTE and we have had some amazing experiences. I would add that having travelled many thousands of miles with Roger on SCTE business he was always a good friend and companion. His contribution is not to be underestimated and he will be missed by us all. Best wishes for the future Roger!"

Chris Swires, SCTE





"SCTE without Roger Blakeway? That hardly seems imaginable. For us, he was the heart and soul of "The Society" from the very beginning. An almost perfect mixture of an energetic and determined creator and an always generous and fair partner. And this especially across many national borders. This is a quality that is more important today between UK and Germany than ever! The evenings I was able to spend in the House of Parliament and in the Tower of London at his invitation are among the absolute highlights of my time at ANGA. Simply unforgettable. I still have Roger's celebratory toast "To the Society" in my ears. Great! Therefore: The office may go, the person remains. See you very soon, dear Roger!"

Peter Charissé, ANGA



"Having joined the SCTE Executive at exactly the same meeting over 30 years ago, Roger and I have certainly seen some changes during that time. The most momentous being the Society's links with IBC which Roger single-handedly orchestrated. Wow, that most definitely turned the SCTE's fortunes around and has enabled us to offer members additional benefits such as a comprehensive training portfolio, a first rate technical journal and lecture meetings, bursaries and a spectacular annual dinner to name but a few.



Roger is steadfastly dedicated to the SCTE, he believes in all that the Society represents, he has been its greatest supporter. He has lead the Society with a firm but fair hand and will continue with his pearls of wisdom in the background in the future. Always one with a keen sense of humour and fun, Roger revels in the social activities and we've had much laughter and good times over the last 30 years and an awful lot of hard work too - he has been a true and valued friend during that time and he is and always will be the one and only "El Presidenti"! With love and best wishes for the future. "

Bev aka Moi xx