

I am honoured to be joining the Executive Board this year as a Vice President. I believe IFSR has an important role to play in facilitating conversations between all groups of systems researchers and practitioners, and in acting as a repository for systems materials. I hope to be able to contribute in these areas on behalf of IFSR in collaboration with the other members of the Executive. I have spent many years in the role of Vice President Administration for the International Society for the Systems Sciences (ISSS), working on membership and administrative duties, but also administration for annual meetings in different locations each year. I am looking forward to the 2017 conference which will be held in Austria, and close links between the two organisations in that year. In 2008/9 I was President of ISSS and am now a Trustee of the Society, and currently SIG Chair for Critical Systems Thinking and Practice. My academic position is as emeritus senior researcher in management systems and sciences in The Business School, University of Hull, from where I have recently retired and my research interests include: developing systems resilience and flexibility in the management of complex systems, hierarchies and general system theory, service systems science and the development of critical systematic evaluations of research methods.

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