Biographies

Stuart Martin
Chief Executive Officer
Satellite Applications Catapult

In January 2013, Stuart was appointed CEO of the Satellite Applications Catapult, one of seven independent research and development centres established by the Technology Strategy Board to stimulate growth in the UK economy by accelerating the development and take up of emerging technologies. His leadership of the Satellite Applications Catapult, places the commercial exploitation of space right at the heart of the UK growth agenda, and the ambition established by the Space Innovation and Growth Strategy of 2010 to create 100,000 new jobs in the sector by 2030.

Prior to this recent appointment, Stuart was a partner at Logica (now CGI), a large European business technology company. There he was responsible for the worldwide space business, turning over more than £50M annually and employing over 300 staff, a position he had held since 2006.

During his time at Logica, which he joined in 1989, Stuart performed a range of engineering and management functions, mainly in the fields of satellite navigation and meteorological processing, before moving onto more strategic business roles in 2003. More recently, Stuart held the position of Vice Chair of UKSpace, the UK trade association for space business, he was a member of the council of Eurospace (the European equivalent), and was three-time chair of UK judges for the annual European Satellite Navigation Competition, also known as the Galileo Masters. He was also responsible for establishing Logica as a founder member of ISIC, the International Space Innovation Centre which is now part of the Satellite Applications Catapult, and for Logica joining Galileo Services, the industry association focussed on promoting investment and collaborative innovation in the satellite navigation sector.

Stuart holds a BSc in Physics (first class) from Imperial College and, in 2013, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and the Institute of Physics.
Mark Hampson
Chief Innovation Officer
Satellite Applications Catapult

In March 2013, Mark was appointed Chief Innovation Officer of the Satellite Applications Catapult, one of seven research and development centres established by the Technology Strategy Board to stimulate growth in the UK economy by accelerating the development and take up of emerging technologies.

Prior to joining the Catapult, Mark has a breadth of knowledge that spans across the Space, Defence, Government, Intelligence and Transport sectors, and has over 28 years’ experience in the bespoke Information and Communications Technology application industry. His career includes several years at Board level as COO and CEO of a large SME (SciSys) and he has managed business units with up to £35m annual turnover, undertaking the engagement with stakeholders, setting of strategy, management of key accounts and the delivery of business plans. Mark is fully conversant with responsibilities of Directors with regards to governance and financial probity.

Mark has also been involved in the International Space Innovation Centre (ISIC) from its inception, working with government, academia and industry to create the centre. He subsequently undertook customer engagement activity as well as a Non-Executive role on the ISIC Board.

Mark was involved in the establishment of the Satellite Applications Catapult and at its inception became the Chief Innovation Officer. In this capacity he has grown the team responsible for Energising the Market, providing Business Innovation Services and driving the development of ideas through to fruition.

Mark’s passion is in understanding clients’ needs and the application of technology to meeting those needs. He graduated from Oxford University with a BA Honours in Physics and Astrophysics.
Richard Hilton  
Head of Earth Observation Department  
Satellite Applications Catapult

Richard is the Head of the Earth Observation Department after previously being a Senior EO Specialist, and has joined the Catapult from Airbus Defence and Space where he worked in the data exploitation and ground segment part of the business for 11 years.

Richard’s role in the Catapult is to lead a team to provide a detailed knowledge of a wide variety of EO technologies and techniques, to work closely with the outward facing Chief Innovation Officer’s activities, and also to be the lead on the commercial part of the Catapult’s Cloud infrastructure (CEMS).

Richard’s team has undertaken a varied selection of activities ranging from urban planning service to local authorities, out to global ship detection, and into the detail of operational support to live police investigations. This work has required establishing and maintaining close working relationships with public sector, industrial and academic communities, as well as linking the UK’s capability into the wider European context via the European Space Agency and the European Commission.

Nick Lambert  
Director  
NIAssociates Ltd

A master mariner and a committed proponent of the maritime users’ perspective, Nick Lambert concluded a long naval operational career as the UK National Hydrographer in December 2012.

He advises on a wide range of maritime issues including the importance of hydrography for maritime economies, the evolution of eNavigation and GNSS vulnerability, near or real time situational awareness (especially that derived from space based assets and applications), human factors, and training and education in the maritime sector.
Cathy Johnson
Ambassador for US Operations
Satellite Applications Catapult

Cathy Johnson represents the Satellite Application Catapult’s activities in the United States. Activities include working with public and private sector partners, to coordinate market-led programmes that parallel the Catapult’s activity. The focus being businesses and organisations in non-space sectors that could potentially benefit from the development of new space enabled applications and services, which generate new business opportunities for the UK and US.

Cathy has worked in the space sector for the past six years and was involved in helping to establish the Catapult’s predecessor organisation. Prior to this, she headed up the European Inward Investment team at the South East England Development Agency. She has a degree in Geography, from Bedford College, University of London and diploma in Town & Country Planning.