



Peter Harding is a Lead Dosimetry Technician and joined as a Moderator for the IPEM Clinical Technologist Training Scheme in 2003. Many years ago, following advice from a career development seminar, Peter applied for and was successfully elected to represent the technician membership on what was the Council of IPEM. This carried an automatic seat on the IPEM Clinical Technologist Committee (CTC)

which is today known as the Clinical Technologist Education and Training Panel (CTETP). At this point Peter had been acting as external assessor for the local Trent Regional training scheme and involved in technician training in his own centre.

Clinical Technologist training was going through a period of great change at this time moving towards degree qualification and a large part of the work of CTC was working up syllabuses and drafting the Clinical Technologist Training Manual. Many may remember the 'Green Book' which was published and remains at the core of the current training scheme having been revised and updated. With the inception of the IPEM training scheme Peter became an External Moderator and, on the establishment of the Clinical Technology Degree, became a viva examiner for the part 1 and part 2 examinations. As such he has seen many aspiring technologists at the very beginnings of their careers and, even now, he is stopped for a chat by someone whose viva he presided over!

Peter says that being a Moderator is a privileged position allowing you into other departments and giving you the opportunity not only observe, challenge and contribute to the training of people entering the profession, but also to observe and take examples of good practise back to your own department and help move things forward on the home front. It raises the profile of your own centre around the country and enables one to develop networks and good friends.

Following a period away from CTETP, Peter was invited by the then Chair to fill the vacancy of Chief Moderator for Clinical Technologist Training which, again, thrust him into the midst of the development and modernisation of the training scheme as a member of CTETP. The role, performed as a volunteer and with the support of his immediate manager and his department, involves providing support and mentoring for other Moderators, keeping an oversight of trainees' progress across all disciplines and training centres in the UK, liaising and helping to resolve difficulties between trainees, training departments and External Moderators. The role also involves assessment, maintenance of standards and has an input in to the future direction of Clinical Technologist training provided through the IPEM training scheme.

Peter's involvement with IPEM over the years has been a busy but very rewarding side aspect to his career which has given him opportunities and insight not only in his own area of interest but across all areas where clinical technologists work in Physics and Engineering in healthcare.