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Dr Ireland gained both his PhD in 2012 and an MBA in 2004 through part-time distance study with the Open University in the UK whilst working as a consultant for Investment Banking firms in the City of London. Continuing as an industry practitioner he is now also a Visiting Researcher with the Open University. His research interests include both programming and database systems and specifically the area of software system integration.

He has been involved with IARIA since 2009 undertaking a number of roles from presenter and panel moderator through to conference chair and founder. He looks forward to continuing this relationship with IARIA, promoting research in the area of databases and software systems integration and providing opportunities for research students to publicise their work.

Dr Ireland is conference founder and Chair of the International Conference on Fundamentals and Advances in Software Systems Integration (FASSI). He also sits on the advisory board for the International Conference on Advances in Databases, Knowledge, and Data Applications (DBKDA). He has published a number of papers at DBKDA. Some of these papers were voted best paper and selected for publication in the International Journal on Advances in Software.

As a practitioner Dr Ireland is a Chartered IT Professional (CITP), Chartered Manager (CMgr) and PRINCE2 Practitioner with over twenty-eight years experience. This experience spans a variety of roles and business areas, including banking and finance, software product development, project management, team leading, sales support, consultancy, training and product management.

Dr Ireland is involved with a number of industry and academic bodies. He is Chair of the British Computer Society Registration and Standards Committee, a chartered Fellow of the British Computing Society, a chartered member of the Chartered Management Institute, a member of both the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and the National Museum of Computing (TNMoC) at Bletchley Park. He is also a committee member for the Bedford Branch of the British Computer Society and a member of the Industry Liaison Panel at the University of Bedfordshire, UK.