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STM Board appoints Ian Moss as new CEO

The International Association for Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers (STM) announced today that its Board has appointed Ian Moss as the organisation's new Chief Executive Officer. Moss who currently serves as Director of Public Affairs for the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) will take up the position in December 2019.

STM is the leading global trade association for all involved in scholarly communications. Moss joins the organisation at a particularly exciting time, as new publishing models are introduced which alter how researchers publish and share their work.

"After a detailed search process, the STM Board is delighted to have appointed an outstanding individual to lead our organisation and represent our industry around the globe." said Jason Wilde STM's current Chair. "Ian was the standout candidate both in terms of his extensive background representing the creative industries, but also his deep experience of developing public policy. We look forward to working with him to positively shape the research landscape."

Moss's selection marks the culmination of a two-yearlong strategic review, which will see STM adopt a new broader and more inclusive vision and mission. He will lead the revitalisation of the association's working structures as part of an ongoing evolution to meet the needs of key stakeholders whilst enabling the organisation to continue to serve its members and the wider publishing industry.

Before joining the BPI Moss spent 15 years working in politics and the UK Government: as an elected officer in the National Union of Students, as a researcher in the Labour team working towards the 1997 election; and later in a variety of roles within the UK Civil Service - OFTEL, HM Treasury, Department for Work and Pensions and the Ministry of Justice. In 2011 Moss joined the BPI and has worked with its members to navigate the recorded music industry's fundamental reinvention as a result of digital rights and evolving formats for music delivery.

Speaking of his appointment Moss said "I'm absolutely delighted by the opportunity to join STM, I am greatly relishing serving a membership that is deeply committed to the future of research. The role that publishers play in the organisation and dissemination of knowledge is fundamental to the trust and integrity of research. There is change in the sector to navigate but also great optimism and I look forward to working in partnership with the research community to deliver sustainable models for the future of formal publication of research."

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