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Speakers Biographies





Appointed in May 2004, Graeme is the founding CEO of Ilika. He has led the company through two rounds of venture funding, floated it on AIM in 2010 and supported its development through growth placings with high quality institutional investors.

Prior to joining Ilika, Graeme was Chief Operating Officer of a high-technology company in the Netherlands and before that worked internationally in a variety of technical and commercial roles for Shell. Graeme holds a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering from Cambridge and an MBA from INSEAD business school in France. Graeme is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the Institution of Chemical Engineers and a Sainsbury Management Fellow.

He has also held non-executive positions at Southampton Asset Management and at lithium miner Bacanora plc.

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Jason is a senior Finance Director and Executive with significant commercial experience in the manufacturing sector. Most recently, Jason was the Interim CFO at Sunseeker International Ltd where he successfully managed the company through the COVID-19 crisis, managing costs and re-establishing production subsequent to the lockdown.

A qualified accountant and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), Jason joined Sunseeker in 2010 and held several senior roles including Director of Commercial Finance & IT and Head of Strategy & Performance Management. Prior to this, he spent five years with B&Q Ltd in various finance roles after he completed his professional training with Kerry Foods Ltd. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge across financial functions, with particular expertise in project appraisals, performance management and business development.

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Keith has had a wide ranging and successful career in companies varying from start-ups to multinationals. He founded and grew an automotive control systems company whose engine control systems are used on millions of vehicles around the world. Following the sale of the company to a major OEM he joined Rolls Royce Engines PLC where he worked as Chief Technology Officer in the electrical power and control systems group and later became the Chief Technology Officer at Meggitt PLC.

Keith is the Non-Executive Chairman of Ilika plc and held previous roles as Chairman Libertine FPE and as Professor at Sheffield University's Automated Control and Systems Engineering department. He also advises a number of companies on their technologies and strategy. Keith is a Fellow of the Society of Automotive Engineers, a previous Rolls Royce Engineering Fellow and Royal Aeronautical Society Fellow. He is a Computer Science graduate from University College London.

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After an early career in engineering, Jeremy trained as a chartered accountant in the late 1990s. Jeremy has over 20 years' investment banking experience and currently provides corporate finance advice to clients in the science and deep technology sectors via Iridium Corporate Finance Limited which he founded, prior to which he held senior roles in a number of corporate finance houses including heading up the technology practice at Rothschild in London. Jeremy is currently a Non-Executive Director and Chairman of the audit committee of UK listed company Cambridge Nutritional Sciences plc (AIM: CNSL). Previous Directorships/Partnerships over the last 5 years have included: Blackbullion Limited, CFPro Limited, Idox plc (AIM: IDOX), Solar Communications Group Limited, Solar Communications Limited, Smith Square Partners LLP, 6PM Holdings PLC and a Strategic Advisor to the UK Innovation & Science Seed Fund (venture fund backed by DSIT).

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Monika has a wide range of experience in both the commercial and technical aspects of an international technology business. Until August 2018, Monika was a member of the Senior Leadership Team IP Product Groups at Arm Holdings plc, responsible for driving the execution of the product roadmaps across all lines of business and central engineering, and previously holding various General Manager and licensing roles in the business. Currently Monika is also a Non-Executive Director on the board of Celebrus Technologies plc , AFC Energy Plc and Power Roll Ltd. She was previously NED at Linaro Limited, an open source software organisation. Monika holds a PhD in Physics from the ETH Zurich.

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Louise joined Ilika in 2012 as a scientist working on a range of thin film battery projects. Today as VP of Product Development, Louise is responsible for the delivery of Ilika's Goliath and Stereax solid state battery roadmap. Her areas of expertise include the application of high throughput methods for the development of electrocatalysts and solid-state lithium-ion battery materials.

Dr. Louise Turner obtained her PhD in 2012 at the University of Southampton in physical chemistry, developing electrocatalysts for the reduction of nitrate in groundwater and waste streams. In 2023 Louise obtained an EMBA from Quantic University.

https://sensorexpoconference2018.sched.com/speaker/louise_turner.1xgjh8mi



John Tinson joined Ilika in 2019. Prior to this he was Vice President Sales & Marketing at Sondrel Ltd providing semiconductor design engineering services. Before this, he held a similar role at SPI Lasers, specialising in industrial fibre lasers. He has also held positions at Brand-Rex, a Leviton Company, as a Business Unit Director, and Sifam Ltd, where he served as a Board Level Sales & Marketing Director, overseeing the development of fibre optic and electro-mechanical components. John started his career as an Export Manager at AVO International Ltd, where he focused on test and measurement equipment.

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Denis Pasero joined Ilika in 2008. He began as a Scientist and progressively moved up to the role of Senior Scientist. At Ilika he has played a crucial role in developing new materials for energy and electronics markets, including ground-breaking solid-state batteries for IoT applications. As Product Commercialisation Manager, he is responsible for advocating the advantages of Ilika's batteries over conventional lithium-ion batteries. His expertise in this field has been instrumental in establishing Ilika as a global leader in materials innovation.

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Brad Womble

Sr. Director, Business Development & Strategy, Cirtec Medical



Brad is an experienced healthcare leader with a passion for applying innovative technology and business strategies to improve healthcare for everyone. With over 18 years of experience working in senior business development and finance roles in the industry, Brad has exceptional insight and understanding of the technology, policy and macro-economic forces shaping today's dynamic healthcare marketplace.

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Andrew has responsibility for the Module and Pack line at the UKBIC. Andrew, who joined UKBIC in 2019, has extensive experience of business development of products and services in the automotive and industrial equipment sectors and working with technology developers looking to bring their innovative products to market. His previous experiences include working for more than 15 years internationally with Perkins Engines, as part of its consultancy division, and prior to joining UKBIC, worked at Millbrook Proving Ground managing crash testing and its component test laboratory.

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Rik is responsible for all project delivery aspects of the APC business, Funding Competitions, SME Programmes, and Business Planning. He has a background in Electronics and Electrical Engineering and has held positions in Caterpillar, Pi, JLR, McLaren and Protean Electric. He has focused on customer centric roles, on both sides of the supply chain – OEM and Tier 1 or 2, in Systems and Applications Engineering, technically leading complex programmes, and running large product development teams.

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Ben has 20 years' experience in sustainability, innovation and policy making. As Deputy Challenge Director he has joint-responsibility for delivery of the £610m Faraday Battery Challenge. The programme focuses on developing a UK battery technology industry that is high tech, high value and high skill. It aims to make the UK a science superpower for batteries by supporting the UK's world-class battery facilities. It is also growing innovative businesses that are developing the battery supply chains.

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