

DSTL WELCOMES NEW NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) has appointed two new Non-Executive Directors to its Board, Elisabeth Astall and Jonathan Knowles.

Sir Richard Mottram, Chairman of Dstl, says: “Elisabeth and Jonathan are two high-calibre individuals who will bring a vast amount of knowledge and expertise to the Dstl Board. Their experience in the public sector and science industry, respectively, will further enhance our team. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them.”

Elisabeth Astall was recently the Managing Director Public Service (Europe, Africa & Latin America) at Accenture. Since joining Accenture in 1984, Elisabeth has specialised in serving government clients including a variety of consulting assignments at the National Health Service, Home Office and the Department of Social Security. She also has extensive experience in the private sector, working with clients such as Rolls Royce, British Aerospace and British Steel.

Elisabeth holds a number of other roles outside of Accenture including a position as Trustee of the Social Mobility Foundation and with the London School of Economics Council of Governors.

Elisabeth says: “My current work involves supporting public service organisations to achieve high performance in the face of complex challenges and changes. Dstl is an exciting, innovative organisation and I look forward to joining the Board and the new challenges this role will bring me.”

Professor Jonathan Knowles is currently the President of Group Research at F. Hoffman–La Roche Ltd. He has held various international positions at F. Hoffman-La Roche since 1997, and prior to this he served in a number of key executive roles with GlaxoSmithKline. Currently he is also a Member of the Board of Chugai Pharmaceuticals and was a member of the Board of Genentech for more than 10 years until its privatisation earlier this year.

Jonathan's scientific career has focused on molecular biology and genetics, and he has a long-standing career in academia, holding various fellowship positions across Europe and the USA.

Jonathan says: "Dstl is the hub of science and technology for defence and, having worked in a number of international scientific organisations, I look forward to bringing my experiences to the Board."

In their new roles, Elisabeth and Jonathan will work closely with the Dstl Board to ensure that Dstl continues to deliver the highest quality science and technology solutions and advice to all its customers.

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