

## David Clarke



David became Chief Executive of the BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT, in May 2002 and is widely acknowledged as having transformed the BCS into the customer-service oriented professional body for the IT and Communications profession it is today. During this time, the Institute has grown its membership from under 37,000 to over 70,000, over 20,000 of them Chartered IT Professionals, adding over 1,000 new members every month, and is one of the world's largest IT examination institutes, running more than 30,000 examinations a month around the world. The BCS also is a very successful business, having more than doubled its revenues in the last five years. BCS are the founding member of the SFIA (Skills for the Information Age) Foundation and are founding members of the ECDL Foundation.

David started the BCS's Professionalism in IT programme in 2002 which is at the core of many professional development and certification programmes today. David has spent nearly thirty years involved with IT systems, firstly in the supply side and then from 1995 to 2002 as a Chief Executive in the Virgin group of companies, and then Trinity Mirror plc, both companies being highly reliant on the use of IT based systems for their success.

Prior to joining Virgin, David spent the previous eighteen years in increasingly senior UK, European and global roles with three global technology companies, Hewlett Packard, Digital Equipment Corporation and Compaq Computers. His final role here was European Marketing VP of Compaq.