

## **PROFESSOR RICHARD M S WILSON**

Richard Wilson is Emeritus Professor of Business Administration & Financial Management at Loughborough University Business School (having opted for early retirement in 2003 – but not to stop working). He transferred (by invitation) to Loughborough from Keele University where he was Professor of Management & Accounting, and the founding Head of the Department of Management. Prior to this he was (by invitation) Professor of Management Control at the Queen's University of Belfast, and previously held (by invitation) the PKF Chair in Accounting at Nottingham Business School.

In addition, he has taught at the Sheffield University Management School; tutored at the University of Bradford School of Management; has been Visiting Research Professor (by invitation) at the Open University Business School (2003-2006); Visiting Professor (by invitation) in both the Business School and School of Financial Studies & Law at Sheffield Hallam University; Visiting Professor of Accounting & Finance (by invitation) at the University of Northampton; and has held visiting appointments at universities overseas (such as British Council Visiting Scholar at King Fahd University in Saudi Arabia, Distinguished Visiting Research Professor at the United Arab Emirates University, and Distinguished Visiting Professor at Deakin University in Australia, in addition to holding visiting posts at the University of Nairobi in Kenya and the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa); as well as having spent 12 months on secondment to the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (now Universities UK) in order to carry out an assignment on resource allocation and control within UK universities.

He has been active as a consultant both in the UK and abroad (including 12 years with the US-based consulting firm Harbridge House); has held a number of non-executive directorships; and has served as external examiner/assessor at more than 30 universities both in the UK and abroad.

His earlier commercial experience was gained in a variety of industries covering FMCG, consumer durables, industrial goods, and services. He has worked at a senior level in two US-based multi-national enterprises, and was Group Chief Accountant of a listed holding company in his mid-twenties.

Amongst his qualifications Professor Wilson holds degrees in: accounting/economics; management; social research; education; psychology/research methods; and sociology/technology, along with the Diploma in Marketing of the Chartered Institute of Marketing (with distinction and first place prize) and the Diploma of the Market Research Society. He is a Fellow of, inter alia, the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM), the Chartered Management Institute (CMI) and the Institute of Directors (IoD). In addition to being a Full Member of the Market Research Society (MRS), he also belongs to a number of other professional associations based in the UK, Europe and the USA, and is a Chartered Marketer. He recently completed a second (elected) term as President of the Nottingham, Derby & District branch of CIMA.

Professor Wilson has written/edited more than 40 books and contributed chapters to more than 30 further books as well as having written a wide range of published papers, articles and monographs on topics within his fields of academic and professional expertise. He has acted as a consulting editor and series editor for two major publishers, and serves on the editorial boards of a range of research journals in the UK and elsewhere. In 2006 he was the recipient of a *Lifetime Achievement Award* from the BAA-SIG on Accounting Education.

Within the academic and professional communities Professor Wilson has been active at a national and international level for over 30 years and has served on standing committees and working groups of such

bodies as AAA, ACCA, BAA, BAAEC, CHA, CIM, CIMA, CMI, CPAF, EAA, IAAER, ICAEW, ICAS, and IFAC. He was the founding convenor of the British Accounting Association's *Special Interest Group on Accounting Education* and the *Discipline Network in Accounting* (funded by the DfEE), and of the *Management Accounting Practices Research Group* (funded by ESRC). He is founding chairman of the *Accounting Education Research Centre* (UK), and founding editor of *Accounting Education: an international journal* (which is published quarterly by Taylor & Francis and which became, from 1 January 2005, the official education journal of the International Association for Accounting Education and Research (IAAER).) In 2003 he was re-elected for a second two-year term as Chairman of the Committee of Heads of Accounting (which covers universities offering degrees in Accounting & Finance in the UK and Ireland), was a member of the Scientific Committee for the IAAER's *9th World Congress of Accounting Educators* (held in Hong Kong in 2002), and a member of the Scientific Committee for the IAAER's *10th World Congress of Accounting Educators* (held in Istanbul in 2006). Up to July 2005 he was a member of the Executive Committees of the British Accounting Association (BAA) and the Conference of Professors of Accounting and Finance (CPAF), and is a continuing member of the Executive Committee of the IAAER and of the AAA's Education Committee. Since 2004 he has been a founding member of the Consultative Advisory Group of IFAC's International Accounting Education Standards Board (which, *inter alia*, develops educational standards for more than 160 professional bodies of accountants in more than 120 countries) on which he represents the European Accounting Association. In 2006 he accepted an invitation to join the International Advisory Board of the Center for Global Accounting Education, Benchmarking and Research (GAE) based at DePaul University, Chicago, USA.

His principal fields of intellectual inquiry are the occupational psychology of financial careers; various themes within the domain of accounting education (including financial literacy and the acquisition of competence); strategic, marketing and organisational control; and intangible (especially information) assets. This work over the years has been funded from various sources (including the Nuffield Foundation, CIMA, ESRC, DfEE, ACCA, AERC, BLRIC and AHRB).