

## Academic Staff Member Election 2020

### Robert B. Fisher

Prof. Robert (Bob) Fisher FIAPR, FBMVA received his PhD from Edinburgh (1987) and has been an academic here since (other than sabbaticals in Ireland, France and Sweden). Through his career at the University, he has had a wide range of experiences that are relevant to the issues of University Governance and future directions. In common with most other colleagues, he has had a normal teaching load and also is a Personal Tutor. His research has been funded by EPSRC, various charities (including Wellcome), and particularly the European Commission. The research contributed to a startup company (still trading). Like many colleagues, he is a successful researcher, with many book, journal, and conference publications, including one of the world's first online books (1996). He has led individual grants, and also 4 European consortia projects. This research has included collaborations with Edinburgh colleagues in Mathematics, Engineering, Divinity, Medicine, Music, and Biology.

He has innovated in the area of teaching. He built the first course-materials web page in Informatics (and thus probably the University), first audio-recording and then video recording of lectures in Informatics. Currently, he is the Informatics coordinator contributing to the online Data Science, Technology and Innovation programme. He has innovated with remotely invigilated online exams for distance students.

His other experiences in Informatics include MSc and PhD course director and Equality and Diversity coordinator. He has had a 3 year posting as the Dean of Research in the College of Science and Engineering, which included participation in the University Research Policy and Research Experience committees.

Externally, he has been an External Examiner for several universities, most recently Trinity (Dublin). He is one of the 2 UK representatives to the Int. Assoc. for Pattern Recognition. He is currently one of the General Chairs for the Euro. Conf. on Computer Vision, leading its largest instance with an expected 5000 delegates. What I bring to Court is a wide ranging experience of the University, but also a distinctive European and international experience, through my nationality, through my European Research experiences, and through experiences with the 103 different nationalities in Informatics that I relate to as the School's Equality and Diversity coordinator.