

Changes at the British Cables Association

After almost 20 years, Peter Smeeth is to retire as Secretary General of the British Cables Association (BCA) in January next year (2019). Taking over responsibility for the cable manufacturers is Dr Jeremy Hodge, a well-known figure within the cable industry.

Jeremy Hodge, a renown and trusted expert on cables, will take on the roles of Company Secretary to the Cable Makers Properties & Services Limited and Secretary General to the British Cables Association, as well as Director of the Approved Cables Initiative. Prior to joining the BCA Jeremy worked for British Approvals Service for Cables (BASEC), more recently as technical director.

Commenting upon his new role at the BCA, Jeremy Hodge said: "I am really looking forward to my various roles with the cable makers. Engaging with the industry from a different perspective will be interesting."

Since taking over at the BCA in 1999, Peter has seen many changes within the UK and European cable industry. Large cable companies have been subsumed by others, the BCA has moved with the times and quite literally from its London offices to a virtual office with all staff members working from home.

Peter Smeeth said: "Despite the changes in our method of operating, the BCA has maintained its position as the cable experts in the electrical supply chain and steadily increased its membership.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure in the cable industry, making many friends in the BCA and outside in the wider industry. I leave a thoroughly professional, dedicated staff and will miss working with them and our consultants Acumen Communications. The camaraderie of all the cable makers has been exceptional and I wish them all the very best in the future," he continued.

Peter plans to resume his hobbies of drawing, painting, writing poetry, keeping fit and spending as much time as possible on his beloved 'Balconia'. He has a number of grandchildren vying for drawings, an education in outdoor pursuits and understanding the natural world. He knows he will be kept busy.

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