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FISA announces new Chair

Alastair Sandels takes over as the new FISA Chair

Alastair has over 30 years' experience in the UK and international forestry industries. He served as Managing Director and latterly as Investment Director of Fountains Forestry, until 2016. He has managed contract operations within the forest and utility arboriculture sectors, ranging from timber harvesting; grounds maintenance to vegetation management.



Alastair continues to serve on the Executive Committee and Council of the Institute of Chartered Foresters. He has been a Director of FISA UK since March 2016 taking responsibility for leading on finance.

He has contributed regularly to the Learning & Behavioural Change Working Group and Steering Group in the three years since formation. He has direct experience of safety behavioural change and compliance processes from both a Board and operational perspective.

"It is an honour to be elected Chair of FISA.

To continually improve the industries safety record, leaders more than ever need to support employees and contractors and respond to challenge, to deliver the aims set out in the Forestry Industry Safety Accord.

FISA must identify and deliver on priorities; communicate effectively and both address and support safety cultural change across the timber supply chain. To create a Just Safety Culture; one where failure drives learning not blame"