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WHO ARE YOU?

As Professor of Ecology at Cardiff University, my day job focuses on global change effects on freshwater biodiversity, ecosystem quality and ecosystem function. I've also worked extensively in organisational leadership, governance and advice in the research, government, business and NGO sectors. For example, I'm currently Vice President of the RSPB, Chairman of Buglife (Europe's only invertebrate conservation charity), Member of the Environment Agency's Science Advisory Group (Strategic Monitoring), Board Member of Natural Resources Wales and a member of the UK Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC).

WHY DO YOU THINK FELLOWS MATTER TO THE INSTITUTE?

Environmental and ecological issues have grown to become some of the most critical of our epoch, and with that the profile of CIEEM needs to keep growing, not only to raise awareness of the problems we face, but also to demonstrate that we have high quality professionals able to seek robust, viable and effective solutions. The corpus of Fellows - active as it is in different organisational sectors - helps to reveal the breadth, depth and importance of the work done by senior ecologists and environmental managers. And by using the FCIEEM post-nominal personally, there is a clear signal that my own work is done to the highest possible standards of probity and responsibility linked to our code of conduct.



WHY DID YOU APPLY FOR FELLOWSHIP?

Having been a founder member of CIEEM in 1991, I became one of its first Fellows in 1997. This was still a new innovation at that time, but CIEEM needed people in relatively public roles to demonstrate what the Institute did, why its work mattered and to encourage others to become champions in this way.

