

### **Stephen Brooks**

Stephen Brooks is Chairman, CEO and owner of the Mack Brooks Group. Stephen has an Honours Degree in Economics and Accounting from the University of Liverpool. He is a past Chairman of the Association of Exhibition Organisers (AEO) and continues as a Council member of the AEO and Chairman of the AEO Venues Working Group. Stephen has gained a reputation as a leading light in the organisation of international exhibitions. His knowledge, insight and personal contacts with key venues, owners and management place him in a highly respected position in the exhibition industry. He is well known internationally and is a director of UFI (the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry), a member of AUMA (the German exhibitions trade association), a member of SISO (the American Society of Independent Show Organisers) and a director of EFB, the European Sheet Metal Research Institute. Stephen takes an active interest in the dynamics of the international trade show market and was instrumental in the development of the 'Excel' exhibition venue in London's Docklands (in which he remains a minority shareholder). Stephen retains an interest in property development, including with respect to exhibition centre orientated schemes.

Mack Brooks Exhibitions organises trade and industrial shows in some of the world's largest venues. The company organises shows as large as 80,000 m<sup>2</sup> net (including the world's largest privately-owned exhibition) and is especially strong in the fields of metalworking, engineering, transport infrastructure, roads, rail, tunnelling, construction, food and drinks, textiles, packaging, aviation and airports, IT and intellectual property trading. The company specialises in new launch events, engaging in new markets and new 'business to business' event models. Mack Brooks employs 100 staff including British, German, Italian, Spanish, French, Greek, Chinese, Russian, American, Swedish, South African, Indian and Bosnian nationals. The company works via a network of satellite offices in India, Russia, Singapore, China, the USA and Greece.

Stephen is married with two children and lists his hobbies as playing the piano and guitar; running, five-a-side football and tennis; Arsenal and rugby (as spectator); and history.