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COLLEGE NOTICE

HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS

Professor Paul Robinson has accepted appointment as Head of the Department of Aeronautics in the Faculty of Engineering from 1 October 2017, for a period of five years. He succeeds Professor Ferri Aliabadi, who has been Head of Department since 2009.

Professor Robinson joined Imperial in 1988 as a Lecturer, becoming Professor of Mechanics of Composites in 2013. He has held many leadership roles within the department, including Director of Undergraduate Studies, Director of the Composites Centre, Director of Green Aviation, and most recently Deputy Head of the Department.

Professor Robinson's research has been primarily focused on the susceptibility of polymer matrix composites to delamination. This activity has included the development and investigation of tests for characterising delamination resistance and the development of methods for predicting delamination growth in composite components due to static loading and fatigue. More recently he has been developing composites that exhibit a ductile failure process and other composites which possess controllable stiffness and shape memory.

John Neilson
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