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COLLEGE NOTICE

APPOINTMENTS OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS IN THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Professor Tina van de Flierdt has accepted appointment as Head of the Department of Earth Science and Engineering, with effect from 1 August 2021, for an initial term of five years, in succession to Professor Mark Sephton.

Professor van de Flierdt joined the College in 2007 as Lecturer, becoming Professor of Isotope Geochemistry in 2017.

Her research interests are in the development and application of new geochemical and isotopic tracers in marine biogeochemistry and pollution, paleoceanography and paleoclimate, with a particular focus on ocean, ice and climate interactions.

HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Professor Washington Yotto Ochieng FREng has accepted appointment as Head of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, with effect from 1 September 2021, for an initial term of five years, in succession to Professor Nick Buenfeld.

Professor Ochieng is currently Co-Director of the Institute for Security Science and Technology (ISST) and Head of the Centre for Transport Studies (CTS) in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and will step down from these roles once he takes up the role of Head of Department. He joined Imperial in 1997 as Lecturer, becoming Chair in Positioning and Navigation Systems in 2007. In 2013, Professor Ochieng was elected Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

His research interests are in infrastructure resilience and security, smart user-centric intermodal mobility, and positioning and navigation systems.

HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Professor Omar Matar FREng has accepted appointment as Head of the Department of Chemical

Engineering, with effect from 1 October 2021, for an initial term of five years, in succession to Professor Nilay Shah.

Professor Matar is currently the Vice-Dean (Education) for the Faculty of Engineering and will step down from this role once he takes up the role of Head of Department. He joined Imperial as a Lecturer in 1998, becoming Professor of Fluid Mechanics in 2007. He has undertaken many roles in the Department, including Undergraduate Admissions Tutor, Director of Undergraduate Studies, and Departmental Director of Research. He currently holds a Royal Academy of Engineering/PETRONAS Research Chair in Multiphase Fluid Dynamics. In 2020, Professor Matar was elected Fellow of the Royal Academic of Engineering.

His research interests are in interfacial fluid mechanics, multiphase flows, and data-centric engineering methods and applications.

John Neilson
College Secretary