

# Ian Simpson

## PROGRAM MANAGER WELDING

Ian joined PRI from Rolls-Royce plc. His varied role allows him to work closely with our customers to define the requirements for audit criteria, review audit reports and play a role in the safety of the industry as a whole.

Before joining PRI, I worked in the Special Process Group at Rolls-Royce, where I was responsible for approving Suppliers to Rolls-Royce's specifications. I represented Rolls-Royce on the Nadcap Welding Task Group for 4 years, and recognized that the natural progression for me would be to work in the Industry as a whole rather than a specific aerospace company.

Having worked at PRI for a number of years, I can say that the variety of work is still what I like most. No two days are the same! My role encompasses everything from the technical - audit reviews, answering technical queries, facilitating Task Group meetings, conducting audits, revision and creation of technical documents (audit checklists / handbooks etc.) - to the management side - ensuring budgets are met, working with NMC sub-committees and Task Group sub-teams.

As a member of the Nadcap Leadership Team, I also review responses to audit findings and internal corrective action reports, and participate in continuous improvement activities, taking into account customer feedback.

It's also very important to me that PRI is a company that makes a difference. Knowing that we are the front line for safety is extremely motivating.

In my role, I travel at least 3 times a year to support the Nadcap conferences that are scheduled in the USA, Europe and Asia. There is also the opportunity

to perform audits, and visit our head office in the USA. I have been fortunate to have had roles at PRI and at Rolls-Royce that have allowed me to travel the world.

PRI is supportive of staff developing or maintaining their professional capabilities. I attained my professional qualifications at Rolls-Royce. Part of the maintenance for Chartered Engineer status is Continued Professional Development (CPD). This has easily been achieved based on the types of work performed in my current role.

The future for PRI is bright. We are diversifying into other industries where safety and quality are critical. Program Managers and technical staff will have a key role in ensuring the correct resources are available to support the various programs in each of these industries.



Based in Derby, UK



Joined PRI in 2003



BS Materials Engineering  
Chartered Engineer



Enjoys the variety of his  
role and knowing he's  
doing important work