

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Michael Mabe to retire from STM on 31 October 2019**

After thirteen and a half years as CEO, Michael Mabe will retire from STM on 31 October 2019 at the conclusion of the organisation's 50th birthday year.

Over his tenure the organisation has become a truly international body, with a doubling of its membership and an expansion of its role in all regions of the world.

Michael presided over the introduction of a series of portfolios for STM's work: public affairs in the EU and the Americas, standards and technology, communications and the introduction of international chapters in Japan, China and Singapore, developing these into an Asia Pacific presence for lobbying.

He has acted as editor of the five editions of the highly regarded STM Report (the most recent published in October 2018), a spokesperson for the industry, and most recently piloted the organisation through a major strategic review and the completion of a year of celebrations for its 50th anniversary.

Michael commented: "May sees the beginning of my 14th year at STM, August the commencement of my 40th in the industry. The conclusion of our 50th birthday year and the embedding of our strategic review by the end of October make this a good time to step down as CEO. The last 14 years have been exhilarating, challenging and hectic, and I am sure the next few will be too. I wish STM all success as it begins the next half century!"

Jason Wilde, Chair of the STM Board commented: "Michael has worked tirelessly to grow the association and represent our industry. When he joined STM he was the only employee. Today the associations global activities are driven by 10 full time and freelance staff in Oxford, The Hague, Munich, Basel, Washington DC and Singapore, with a much-expanded remit. I thank Michael for all his dedication and efforts, over the last 14 years, in leading STM."

A global search, led by Joanna Reesby ([joanna.reesby@missionbayltd.com](mailto:joanna.reesby@missionbayltd.com)) at Mission Bay Ltd, is underway to find Michael's successor.

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