

# A focus on the future

A new statement of purpose and website upgrade is just part of the Society of Dairy Technology's forward plan, according to Dr John Tuohy

Spring is truly in the air at the Society of Dairy Technology as the new council (pictured below), which was installed following the AGM of the Society held at Harper Adams University last November, moves ahead with an ambitious programme of renewal and development following a strategic review initiated by the immediate past president Dr Ken Burgess and completed during 2014.

The new president, Dr John Tuohy, (director of 2e Technical Development of Dairy Technology) described the process as a critical stage in the on-going appraisal of how the 70-year-old society should position itself to meet the opportunities and challenges of the next five to ten years. He told *Dairy Industries International* that the Society had adopted a new statement of purpose: "To advance the professional development and recognition of SDT members through knowledge transfer and networking," which was in line with the Society's long standing objectives but articulating them in a more modern and meaningful manner. Going forward, existing and future members would clearly know what they could expect from being a member of the Society.

The new council is tasked with transforming the framework strategy into a development plan with clear short, medium and long-term objectives for the Society and to begin implementing priority measures. At last November's AGM, Dr Tuohy outlined two specific objectives for his two-year term of office; (1) to establish SDT as the key body for the certification of the professional development of people working in the dairy industry in Ireland and the UK and (II) the development of the Society website to create a virtual hub for members to easily access the range of services provided by the Society and to promote



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## Professional development

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Ken Burgess with new president John Tuohy

