David Patrick Summary

I would like to offer myself for election to the ODNE Board. I am a Swiss-British national and grew up in the UK but have spent most of my life outside the UK, mainly in Switzerland and Germany. I have worked in Switzerland, Germany and Belgium and am fluent in English and German.

I studied Mechanical Engineering at London University (UCL) and Business at IMD in Lausanne, and spent the first 25 years of my working life in Supply Chain and Marketing with large multinationals such as Procter & Gamble and Johnson & Johnson.

During that time I always found the most rewarding and motivating part of my work to be the development of others, and of teams and organizations. I sometimes hired OD consultants and often thought, "wow, that's a cool job – how do they do it"! That's how my interest in OD began and then about 10 years ago, with the support of my friends and family, I made a fundamental long-term decision to change direction. I decided that, maximum in 8 years' time, I would have left the corporate world and be working as a consultant. That fundamental decision gave me the time and direction to get ready for the switch: I sought out roles and projects involving more and more OD elements and completed programs at the Tavistock Institute and NTL – both of which were very meaningful experiences for me and further reinforced my conviction that this was the right path for me.

And so, after several years of preparation, I finally took the step about 18 months ago and have since been slowly building my own consulting business.

If you would like to know more, I'd be very happy to connect on LinkedIn or Xing or you can find out more about me here: http://www.insider-consulting.com/facilitation/

I would consider it a significant duty, and an honour, to be elected to the ODNE Board and be a part of shaping the growth of the OD profession in Europe. I believe that being "New to the Field" and non-UK based would, as often in life, bring both advantages and disadvantages as an ODNE Board member.