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Dear Fellows, Associates and CARAS Supporters, as confirmed at last year's AGM, Richard Cooksley FRAgS, our UK Secretary, will not be seeking re-election at the 2027 AGM.

Following this announcement, Council agreed a process for the selection and appointment of a new UK Secretary and established a Selection Panel to oversee the process. A strong field of applicants was considered, from which a shortlist was selected for interview.

I am pleased to confirm that, following the interviews, the Selection Panel unanimously recommended to Council the appointment of **Nick Green FRAgS to succeed Richard as UK Secretary**. I am delighted to say that this recommendation has now been approved by Council.

I appreciate that Nick is already a Council member and is well known to members of the Selection Panel. I can assure you that he was subject to exactly the same interview and assessment process as the other candidates and, if anything, his application was subjected to even greater scrutiny to ensure that the process was fair, rigorous and objective.

Nick will formally take up the role of UK Secretary, subject to his appointment at the CARAS UK AGM in April 2027, which will take place in Scotland. At that AGM, I will also hand over the UK Chairmanship of CARAS to Bill Gray MBE, FRAgS.

In the meantime, Richard and Nick will work together over the coming months to ensure a smooth and orderly handover of the UK Secretaryship.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Nick on his forthcoming appointment. I would also like to thank the members of the Selection Panel for the professional and thorough way in which they undertook what was a difficult task given the strength of the candidates.

Meurig James FRAgS

CARAS UK Chairman

25th August 2026

