

## Scottish Hotel Awards

We're delighted to confirm new key people roles today:

We're pleased to announce the first Honorary President of the Scottish Hotel Awards will be founder and overall Chairman from 2003-2014, Gary McLean-Quin. Gary, who will act in an advisory role to the Awards, stepped down from administration, judging and organising the process and Awards Night at this year's event. He will now represent the Awards and members to the wider industry and agencies, government, etc., while promoting the interests of Scottish hoteliers in general. He will make research visits, propose senior individual nominations and attend Awards Night as President. Gary has a new email address [g@h-i.co](mailto:g@h-i.co) and Twitter account [@HonPresSHA](https://twitter.com/HonPresSHA) but his number remains unchanged.

We're also very happy today to say that in the revised and vital role of Chair of Judges will be the former overall Deputy Chairman of the past decade, Vivien Devlin. In the years ahead all the awards categories will be divided, for judging purposes, into seven clusters, each with its dedicated specialist Director of Judging. Vivien, a member of the Guild of Travel Writers, will continue to carry out research and judging visits and additionally will chair the final decision-making sessions. Vivien will be supported in her role by one of our Senior Judges, Ken Scott.

Managing Director of Paragraph Publishing Limited, publishers of the Awards' partner Scotland Magazine, and Whisky Magazine, Damian Riley-Smith, assumes the managerial role of Chairman of the Scottish Hotel Awards Scheme. Damian will oversee process and administration of the scheme (but not judging).

Roddy Martine, editor of Scotland Magazine and of the prestigious The Keeper, magazine of The Keepers of the Quaich, author, and well known Scottish magazine expert, has been appointed Editor of the Gold Guide 2014 and of the expanding [ScottishHotelAwards.com](http://ScottishHotelAwards.com) website.

Christopher Coates will continue in his developing role as Membership Manager and will visit most members over the course of the year - while being available always to handle support enquiries. Christopher also deals with Scotland Magazine, Whisky Magazine and sponsorship sales for the Awards. He is assisted in this role by Kirsty Rose who leads administration and support from HQ.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead - when the strengthened team will further expand and develop the national hotel awards scheme!