



27th September 2023

In memory of Christopher Kidder, Executive Director

Dear IDA member,

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of our Executive Director Christopher Kidder. Following over a year of illness, Chris passed away on September 11 at his home in London with his beloved wife Julia at his side. During this difficult time, we extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Chris was and will continue to be recognised as a global leader of DME. His extraordinary dedication and genuine passion for growing the sector will leave a proud legacy for us to honour, celebrate and carry forward. Without the commitment and leadership from individuals like Chris, we – the DME industry - would not be where we are today.

The IDA journey began in 1990, where the discovery and global development of the multi-source, multi-use DME fuel was led by the Amoco Clean Alternative Fuels group. While they exited the projects, they supported the formation of the IDA led by Dr. Theo Fleisch. After a series of promising DME conferences, the need for a dedicated, world class Executive Director leading the association. Chris Kidder was Dr. Flesich's choice and the rest is history.

He represented the DME industry across the world, from San Diego to Zurich, and Moscow to Berlin. He organised over 9 International DME conferences, bringing together the best minds from the industry, to help stimulate growth and share best practices – not to mention the series of proactive webinars that he ran that brought together industry leaders and innovators.

In recent years he worked to expand the IDA, championing new members and different opportunities for the molecule in particular the drive for renewable & recycled carbon DME which is a critical solution for decarbonisation and an enabler of a just transition to a de-fossilized future.

Chris has been steering the progress of DME over the last 18 years through global shifts and uncertainty with unwavering commitment, leaving the industry in 2023 stronger than ever. Having worked closely with him for the past 9 months, he drew my deep admiration for his continuing commitment to the success of the IDA through very personally challenging times. For this, I and my colleagues in the industry will be forever thankful.

Due to his private and professional nature, this announcement will undoubtedly be unexpected for many members, industry peers and colleagues.



Plans for a memorial service have not been finalized at this time. Chris was a very private person which the family wishes to respect therefore a final farewell will be held intimately.

If you would like to share condolences or personal memories with Chris's family, these can be sent to the following email address: ourbelovedchris@hotmail.com.

We have also set up a JustGiving page for Pancreatic Cancer UK in his memory, to support those facing pancreatic cancer and to work towards a cure. If you would like to donate in his memory, you can donate [here](#).

During the coming weeks IDA membership matters will be handled directly by myself and the Executive Committee. We are actively developing continuity plans and will keep you informed.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on Francis.Ugboma@dimeta.nl to discuss further during this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

Frankie Ugboma
Chairman of the IDA