



Speaker Profile

Iain Hutchison, Managing Director, Merlin ERD, United Kingdom

Iain is a Chartered Engineer, a graduate of Heriot Watt University and a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE). With over 25 years' experience in the oil and gas industry, Iain worked around the world on a variety of drilling projects, before setting up Perth, UK based Merlin ERD Limited in November 2007.



Merlin ERD Ltd enable oil & gas companies to drill further, faster, whilst reducing environmental impact and eradicating costly drilling problems. They have become subject matter experts in horizontal, extended reach and complex drilling, with a reputation for improving project economics through exceptional engineering. The business has collected a range of accolades, including Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Best Small Company and the pinnacle of UK business success: two Queen's Awards for Enterprise. The latter requiring a trip to Buckingham Palace in London to be presented by Her Majesty, The Queen.

Iain is married to Debbie and together they have three school age children. Whilst working in Australia he built a Spitfire replica, which, when commitments allows, he displays at airshows or just enjoys taking in the scenery of Scotland from the sky.