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CIPA President

Andrea has a chemistry degree from Cambridge University and has worked as a private practice patent attorney for over 20 years. In 2000 she co-founded the firm Greaves Brewster LLP, which she helped to manage and grow until her retirement earlier this year. She has worked with a range of clients, from start-ups and university spin-outs to major corporations, and been involved with patent filings, prosecution, EPO oppositions and IP strategies and portfolio management.

Andrea joined CIPA's governing Council in 2010 and has served on several of its committees. She has been particularly closely involved in projects related to the education and training of IP professionals, and in a more recent initiative to improve diversity throughout the IP professions. She served as Vice-President of CIPA from May 2014 to May 2015, when she was elected President.

Andrea is also well-known among patent attorneys for her blog-like "Not-so-Secret Diary", a light-hearted take on her Institute work, which appeared in the *CIPA Journal*.

Andrea says:

"As only the third female president in CIPA's 133 year history, inclusivity and diversity are incredibly important to me. If there isn't sufficient encouragement or support for women innovators, then economies and industries will miss out on a huge pool of untapped talent. CIPA is therefore delighted to be hosting the International Conference for Women Inventors and Innovators. Opening up the IP profession is something we're leading the charge on, so it feels very right that this conference celebrating women's potential and achievement is held at the Institute. I also feel very privileged to have been asked to present an award at the ceremony in the British Library and am looking forward to see the nominees and their inventions."