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Ian MacDonald, Vice President



Before becoming Vice-President Ian had been on the board of the Federation of Chefs Scotland for eight years and has an outstanding track record in training chefs and developing their skills through competition. He regularly judges competitions that the Federation runs throughout the year.

‘Competitions help to raise the standards of culinary excellence and professionalism, promote camaraderie and provide educational opportunities. They also allow the public to observe developments in the trade. By promoting a greater understanding of sound culinary philosophies, food shows provide an excellent forum for the public's education.’

Ian's first job was at the Station Hotel in his home town of Inverness. After a spell in Dunkeld he spent many years managing the kitchens at Balbirnie House Hotel, before moving on to a position as Food Sales Manager for Braehead Foods covering an area extending from Aviemore to the Lake District. Following that he worked for a spell as Food Development Manager with Gastro Taverns before moving to his current position as the Executive Chef at the St. Andrews Links Trust.

A winner of eight gold medals at national and international level, Ian has worked closely with the Scottish Culinary Team which represents Scotland in global competitions across the world. A keen golfer, he organises the Federation of Chefs Scotland golfing days and currently plays to a handicap of 16.