

## **RFID Professional Institute Elects New Officers**

Ian Robertson, RFID industry veteran, takes over as chairman of the certification body, while Dr. Bill Hardgrave becomes president.

Dec 10, 2015—The RFID Professional Institute, a non-profit organization set up in 2012 by a group of industry professionals to develop standardized RFID certification exams, has elected Ian Robertson, an RFID industry veteran who led RFID efforts at Hewlett-Packard, as its new chairman. Robertson replaces Mark Roberti, who served for chairman for two years and will assume the role of vice chairman.

The board of directors also elected the following individual to officer roles:

President: Dr. Bill Hardgrave, Dr. Bill Hardgrave is Dean and Wells Fargo Professor, College of Business, Auburn University

Treasurer: Mike Liard, industry veteran and independent consultant

Secretary: Leslie Downey, principal at RFID Revolution

The institute has been working for the past three years to develop its first certification exam. With the exam now complete, the institute enters a new phase where it will begin to promote the exam and the value of certification.

“Whenever you have an all-volunteer organization, it is a challenge to get things done, but through the extraordinary efforts of our volunteers, we now have a strong exam and a means to deliver it remotely online,” said Robertson. “Our focus now will be on promoting certification throughout the RFID industry and developing additional exams.”

The Institute has partnered with InstructedU to deliver the exam and through InstructedU’s partnership with ProctorU, those in the RFID industry will be able to take the exam online with a remote proctor. This ensures the credibility of the exam while making it available globally.

To learn more about RFID Professional Institute, visit [www.rfidpros.org](http://www.rfidpros.org).

### **About the RFID Professional Institute**

The RFID Professional Institute is an autonomous, non-profit, tax-exempt, charitable, scientific, and educational organization, in compliance with US code section 501(c)(3), dedicated to advancing the state-of-the-art in effective and appropriate application of radio frequency identification (RFID) technology in industry, government, and non-commercial organizations through technology-neutral, vendor-neutral, and independent RFID education, certification(s), and applied RFID research.