

PRESS RELEASE

Jane Farrell elected onto IPSA board

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Jane Farrell of Sodexo, the world's largest services company, has been appointed as the newest member on the board for the International Professional Security Association (IPSA) at their annual general meeting last week.

The centre of excellence development manager is one of only two females on the IPSA Management Board and joins Simon Pears, Sodexo's global security director who has also been re-elected. In addition, Jane retains her seat on the International Council (for security).

Jane has worked for Sodexo for 32 years and is responsible for security training and compliance across the UK and Ireland. She also spearheads the Sodexo Women in Security Group which aims to increase the female presence in Sodexo's security sector to 18% by 2015.

Last year, Jane scooped the Women in Security Industry Award at the International Fire and Security Exhibition Conference (IFSEC) event held in Birmingham.

Jane Farrell said, *"It's an honour for me to represent women in the security industry on the IPSA Management board and I hope to use my security training background to broaden the expertise currently available. I have been a member of IPSA for a number of years and last year was elected onto the International Council. During my time with IPSA I have met some valuable contacts and have had the opportunity to represent the organisation at conferences at home and overseas. I am currently involved in the development of the Trailblazer apprenticeship scheme for security and am looking forward to using this experience to enhance training and development in the security industry and benefit IPSA's members".*

Mike White, chairman of IPSA said, *"In welcoming Jane to our management board, I feel that IPSA are uniquely positioned within the UK private security industry to drive not only increases in training standards but also to keep the hugely important matter of women in security high on the industry's agenda. Jane is a past winner of the Women in Security Award for her outstanding contribution and commitment to the development of professional standards and training and we are both fortunate and privileged to have this opportunity to work with her."*

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