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David Cooper is the CEO of LECS (UK) & LECS (UAE). He has been in the lift & escalator industry since 1980 and is a well-known author and speaker. He holds a Master of Philosophy Degree following a 5-year research project into accidents on escalators, a Master of Science Degree in Lift Engineering as well as a Bachelor of Science Honours degree, Higher National Certificate and a Continuing Education Certificate in lift and escalator engineering.

He started his career under the Chief Mechanical and Electrical Engineer of the Southern Region of British Railways. Following this he joined Kone Marryat & Scott (now KONE) rising to Area Safety Manager & Staff Engineer. In 1988 he joined the technical services division of Royal Insurance as an engineer surveyor a role that expanded to the training of other engineers all around the UK. In 1993 he was one of the founding partners of LECS (UK) Ltd.

He is a co-author of "The Elevator & Escalator Micropedia" (1997) and "Elevator & Escalator Accident Investigation & Litigation". (2002 & 2005) as well as being a contributor to a number of other books including five editions of CIBSE Guide D. He is a regular columnist in trade journals worldwide including Elevation, Elevator World, Elevatori and Lift Industry News. Media exposure includes numerous appearances on TV and radio.

He has presented at a number of industry seminars worldwide including in Thessaloniki, Munich, Shanghai, San Francisco, Melbourne, Zurich, Barcelona, Santander and Vienna as well as numerous presentations within the UK.

He is also a Founding Trustee and Chairman of the UK's Lift Industry Charity which assists industry members and/or their families after an accident at work. David also Chairs the Charity that runs the Lift Symposium and is an Honorary Visiting Professor at The University of Northampton. He also sits on the Board of CIBSE and is President Elect and will be President in 2026/7. David has served on the BSI committee MHE/4 for lifts & escalators since 1989 and Chairs MCE/20 for cable cars and cableways.

In 1993 David was awarded the Highfield Shield by the IIEExE (now part of the IET) for a paper on escalator safety. In 2012 he was awarded the silver medal by CIBSE for services to the Institution. In 2021 he was awarded the Sir Moir Lockheed Award by the SOE for 30 years dedication to safety in the lift & escalator industry. In the same year he was awarded a CIBSE Presidents Commendation for his work authoring guidance on reoccupation of offices post Covid lockdown. In 2023 David received an MBE in the Kings Birthday Honours list for services to lift & escalator engineering.