

Gerald Dennett

Following eight years of establishing and growing STAR UK Limited into the thriving and profitable concern it is today, I successfully sold the business in December 2005 and am now actively seeking new challenges and opportunities where I can put my know-how, skills and energy to use.

Professional
experience

1997–2005

STAR UK Limited

Leatherhead

Proprietor and Managing Director

- STAR UK Limited is the UK member of the STAR Group, now the third-largest translation group in the world, with 850 staff in 35 locations
- STAR UK Limited has grown into a company of over a dozen staff, producing into English translation for the STAR Group and acting as the local contact for the STAR Group's UK customers. In 2005, the company was expected to generate a contribution to the Group of around 15% of turnover.

1988–1997

Freelance translator

- Translator of German, Russian and French into English for customers in the UK, Germany, Switzerland and France covering a wide range of document types and subject areas such as IT, automotive and mechanical engineering, electrical and electronic engineering, standardization and quality
- Latterly, UK representative for STAR's Transit and TermStar computer-aided translation technology, with both a sales and support function.

British Standards Institution

London

- Translator of German, Russian and French into English covering the entire range of subject areas in which BSI operates

International Energy Agency

London

- Translator of German, Russian and French into English and research assistant in the World Coal Reserves and Resources Data Base Service

Competencies	<p><u>Languages:</u> fluent German, Russian, French</p> <p><u>People management skills:</u> recruitment, reward, retention, development and motivation of professionally qualified staff</p> <p><u>Financial management/budgeting skills:</u> planning and execution of annual budgets to deliver consistent profits over 8 years.</p> <p><u>Customer relations:</u> acquisition of customers and management of the relationship, developing customer loyalty</p> <p><u>Information technology:</u> high-level of knowledge and use of CAT applications, in particular Transit and TermStar in-depth knowledge of MS Office and other applications (FrameMaker, PageMaker, Quark Xpress) on both PC and Mac platforms knowledge and development of practical workplace applications (networking, internet and mail, database design) development of the custom database used to manage the operations of STAR UK Limited</p>
Additional professional activities	<p>Founder member of the Institute of Translation and Interpreting, serving as a vice-chairman, member of council and as joint co-ordinator of the Scientific and Technical Network.</p> <p>Lecturer on aspects of the translation industry and translation technology at the University of Wales, Swansea, the University of Leeds, Imperial College, the University of Westminster, the University of Western England and London Metropolitan University.</p> <p>Speaker at various conferences in the UK and overseas.</p> <p>Trainer on various modules of the ITI Professional Development Course.</p>
Education	<p>1992–1995 South Bank University</p> <p>MSc Information Systems Engineering, passed with distinction</p> <p>1973–1977 University of Birmingham</p> <p>BA German and Russian Language and Literature</p> <p>1965–1972 Sevenoaks School</p> <p>S-Level French, A-Levels German and Russian, 10 O-levels</p>
Professional memberships	<p>Member of the Institute of Translation and Interpreting</p> <p>Member of British Computer Society</p>