

## **Imperial War Museum**

The Prime Minister has reappointed Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Squire as a Trustee of The Imperial War Museum, for two years from 19 December 2009. Sir Peter will continue as the Vice-President of the Museum and Chairman of the board of Trustees, a position to which he was elected by his fellow Trustees in June 2006.

### **Biographical details**

Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Squire was Chief of the Air Staff from 2000 to 2003. Commissioned into the RAF in 1966, he held a series of flying and staff posts, of increasing seniority, both in the UK and Europe. He is a Falklands veteran and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross during that campaign in 1982. Sir Peter was a Commissioner of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission between 2003 and 2008 and their Vice-President from 2005, and is currently Chair of Governors of Kings Bruton School.

### **Background**

The Imperial War Museum (IWM) was founded in 1917 to record the story of the Great War. Its remit has subsequently been extended to cover the Second World War and all military operations involving Britain or the Commonwealth since August 1914. It is an educational institution responsible for archives, collections and sites of outstanding national importance. Its goal is to enable people to understand human behaviour through the lens of war and conflict. The Trustees are not remunerated.

The reappointment process has followed the OCPA Code of Practice. All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in selection or reappointment processes. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity in the United Kingdom in the past five years (if any declared) to be made public. Sir Peter has declared no political activity.