

**July 2006**

**Professor R Marc Clement is appointed a Trustee of the National Endowment for Science, Technology & the Arts [NESTA]**

Sean Woodward, the Minister for Creative Industries & Tourism, announced today that Professor R Marc Clement has been appointed as a Trustee for Wales on the NESTA Board. His term of appointment will run from 12 July 2006 to 11 July 2009.

**Biographical notes**

Currently, Professor Clement is Senior Executive in the Vice Chancellor's office at the University of Wales Swansea. He is a Theoretical Physics graduate with a PhD in Laser Plasma Interactions from the University of Wales, Swansea and the Rutherford Laboratory at Oxford. From post-doctoral work at the Centre d'Etudes Nucleaires in Paris, he went on to found a laser company developing laser systems for plastic surgery and cancer therapy. In 2000, he became Chair of Innovation at the University of Wales Swansea. He is a board member for Artes Mundi and chairs the Welsh Assembly Government's Assembly Expert Panel on Resource Management.

**Background**

The role of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) is to give backing to people of exceptional talent and imagination. Through a range of pioneering programmes, it offers tailored support to enable individuals to explore new ideas, develop new products and services, or experiment with new ways of nurturing creativity in science, technology and the arts. NESTA is committed to sharing its learning, working collaboratively with other interested parties, and thinking imaginatively about how best to remove the obstacles that have prevented the UK's innovative potential from being fulfilled.

NESTA Trustees may claim a daily honorarium of £208, whilst reasonable expenses, incurred as a result of business undertaken on behalf of NESTA will be reimbursed.

This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.