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Professor Sir Peter Crane is appointed to the Royal Parks Advisory Board

Andrew McIntosh, Minister for Heritage and the Media, announced today that Professor Sir Peter Crane has been appointed to the Royal Parks Advisory Board. The term of appointment will run from 1 October 2004 to 30 September 2008.

Biographical notes:

Professor Sir Peter Crane FRS is Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Previously, he served as a faculty member of the University of Reading, before becoming Assistant Curator of the Geology Department at the Field Museum in Chicago. At the Field Museum, he progressed through a number of posts, becoming Vice President and then Director with overall responsibility for the Museum's scientific programmes and staff complement. Sir Peter's own area of interest is the evolution and conservation of plants, and he is the author of more than 100 scientific publications. He was knighted for services to horticulture and conservation in 2004. He has not undertaken any political activity in the past five years.

Background:

The Royal Parks Advisory Board is a small body appointed by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Its purpose is to provide independent advice to Ministers and the Chief Executive of The Royal Parks on the Parks' strategy, planning and performance. Advisory Board members do not receive a salary but may claim reasonable expenses.

The Royal Parks is an executive agency of the Department for Culture Media and Sport, responsible for fulfilling the Secretary of State's duty to manage the eight Royal parks in London – St James's Park, The Green Park, Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, Regent's Park, Primrose Hill, Greenwich Park, Richmond Park and Bushy Park. It also maintains a number of other areas, including Brompton Cemetery.

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.