

## **Chairman and Four Members of the Spoliation Advisory Panel Reappointed**

The Rt. Hon Sir David Hirst, Chair of the Spoliation Advisory Panel and four members of the Panel have been reappointed for a third term.

The members reappointed are Martin Levy FSA, Baroness Warnock DBE, Dr Liba Taub and Professor Norman Palmer CBE.

The reappointments began on 13 April 2006 and are for two years. The Chairman of the Panel, The Rt. Hon Sir David Hirst, receives a daily rate of £318 per eight-hour day. Panel members may claim a daily rate of £208 plus reasonable expenses.

The Panel was set up in April 2000 to help resolve claims made for cultural objects lost during the Nazi era between 1933 and 1945. The Panel provides advice to claimants, those who hold the items in question and Government.

Notes to editors:

Biographies:

### **The Rt Hon Sir David Hirst**

Sir David was a Lord Justice of Appeal from 1992 to 1999 and prior to that was a judge of the High Court (Queen's Bench Division) from 1982 to 1992. He was called to the Bar in 1951, appointed a QC in 1965 and was Chairman of the Bar Council from 1978 to 1979. Sir David was a member of the Lord Chancellor's Law Reform Committee, and of the Council on Tribunals from 1966 to 1980. Sir David has not undertaken significant political activity on behalf of any political party since the mid-1970s.

### **Baroness Warnock DBE**

Baroness Warnock is an independent Life Peer and an Honorary Fellow of St Hugh's College, Lady Margaret Hall and Hertford College at Oxford and a Life Fellow of Girton College Cambridge. She was Mistress of Girton College from 1985 to 1991. She is a member of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Advisory Group on Medical Ethics and chaired the Committee of Enquiry into Human Fertilisation and Embryology from 1982 -1984. She was Chair of the Committee of Enquiry into Education of Children with Special Needs from 1974-78. Her publications include: "A Question of Life" 1985; "The Uses of Philosophy" 1992; "Imagination and Time" 1994; "Women Philosophers" 1996; "An Intelligent Person's Guide to Ethics" 1998. Baroness Warnock has not undertaken significant political activity on behalf of any political party.

### **Martin Levy FSA**

Martin Levy has since 1997 been the Chairman of H Blairman & Sons Ltd, dealers in works of art. Mr Levy's public appointments include membership of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art and serving as a Trustee on the London Historic Houses and Museums Trust and the Oliver Ford Trust. He is also on the Council of the Jewish Museum and was a former Chairman of the British Antique Dealers Association. Mr Levy has not undertaken any significant activity on behalf of any political party.

### **Dr Liba Taub**

Dr Liba Taub is Curator and Director of the Whipple Museum of the History of Science and Reader in History and Philosophy of Science, in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge; she is a Fellow of Newnham College. Her publications include *Ancient Meteorology* (2003) and *Ptolemy's Universe: The Natural Philosophical and Ethical Foundations of Ptolemy's Astronomy* (1993), as well as numerous articles in academic journals. Dr Taub also currently serves on the Wissenschaftliche Beirat of the Deutsches Museum, Munich. Dr Taub has not undertaken any significant activity on behalf of any political party.

### **Professor Norman Palmer CBE**

Professor Norman Palmer is a practising barrister and the chairman of the Illicit Trade Advisory Panel and the Treasure Valuation Committee. He formerly chaired the Ministerial Working Group on Human Remains in Museum Collections (2001-2003). He is a Visiting Professor of Law at King's College London and the Emeritus Professor of the Law of Art and Cultural Property at University College London (where he was formerly Professor of Commercial Law). He has written and edited several books in the field of art and heritage law, including *Art Loans* (1997), *The Recovery of Stolen Art* (1998) and *Museums and the Holocaust: Law, Principles and Practice* (2000). He is standing counsel to the National Gallery of Australia. He holds degrees from the universities of Oxford and Geneva (*honoris causa*). Professor Palmer has not undertaken significant political activity on behalf of any political party.