

## September 2009

### **Ian Panter is appointed a member of the Advisory Committee on Historic Wrecks (ACHWS)**

Margaret Hodge, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Ian Panter has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee on Historic Wreck Sites. His term of appointment will run from 17 September 2009 to 16 September 2013.

#### Biographical notes

Ian Panter is Principal Conservator for the York Archaeological Trust in charge of the conservation laboratory (2006 to date). Current projects include conservation of artefacts from a ship wreck off Alderney, and a cannon from the Studland Bay Wreck. Prior to this, he worked for the Mary Rose Trust and then served as Assistant Keeper of Conservation for Portsmouth City Museums and Art Gallery, before joining English Heritage (EH) as regional conservator for the North of England. He then served as EH's Regional Advisor on Archaeological Science in which post he advised local authority archaeologists and EH's Inspectors of Ancient Monuments (1980 to 2006). He has undertaken no political activity during the past five years.

#### Background

The Advisory Committee was set up to advise Ministers following the passing of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973. This advice covers the suitability of wreck sites to be designated for protection on the grounds of historical, archaeological, or artistic interest in accordance with the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973, the issue of licences for the surveillance and excavation of designated sites by named individuals, along with the conditions to be attached to such licences, as well as other general underwater archaeology issues which may affect historic wrecks within UK waters.

ACHWS members give their services on an honorary basis. Travelling expenses, incurred by ACHWS members in the performance of their duties, are 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.