



### **Dr. Killian HALPIN**

Dr. Killian Halpin, BSc NUI (Dublin), MSc UMIST (Manchester), PhD (University of Wales). PhD thesis title 'The intercalation of potassium and sodium with graphite and paracrystalline carbons'. He has a Diploma in Management from Trinity College Dublin.

Dr. Halpin retired as Director of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STI) at Forfas, following a period of ten years in that post. Forfas is Ireland's national policy and advisory Board for enterprise, trade, science, technology and innovation. It operates under the auspices of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. In his period, the Division also provided the secretariat for ICSTI (The Irish Council for Science, Technology and Innovation). Projects initiated by ICSTI included a major Technology Foresight Initiative in 1998-1999, which in turn led to the establishment by the Government of the Foresight Fund. In 2000-2001, Dr. Halpin led the Forfas team responsible for the launching of Science Foundation Ireland and for making the initial awards supported by the Foresight Fund.

In the period 1988-1994, Dr. Halpin managed the S&T policy group of Eolas. This followed ten years leading the Industrial Materials Division of the Institute for Industrial Research and Standards (IIRS), which supported Irish industry in a range of disciplines, including metallurgy, ceramics, chemistry and the testing of materials. Dr. Halpin had joined IIRS in 1969 and for the following ten years had, as a consultant, provided technical support in materials technology to industry.

Dr. Halpin has been an Irish delegate to international S&T bodies including, the OECD Committee on S&T Policy (CSTP) (1997-2004), the European Union Senior Policy Committee on S&T (CREST) (1988-1998/2002-2004). In 1998 he was appointed to the Board of Governors of the EU Joint Research Centre (JRC) and currently serves as Chairman of the Board.

In the 1980's he was a member the Programme Committee (CGC) for the European Union Programme on Raw Materials and Advanced Materials Research (Chair 1987-1989, Deputy Chair 1985-1987), the CGC for the EU Industrial Technologies Programme (BRITE-EURAM) (Chair 1985-1987, Deputy Chair 1987-1989). He served as the Irish member of Advisory Management Committee of the High Temperature Materials Programme of the JRC (Chair 1978-1984).

Dr. Halpin currently co-chairs the Steering Group of the US Ireland Research Partnership, set up by inter-governmental agreement, to increase research collaboration between Ireland, Northern Ireland and the United States.