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Peter Clayton is reappointed as a member of the Treasure Valuation Committee

Margaret Hodge, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Peter Clayton has been reappointed as a member of the Treasure Valuation Committee. His 2nd term of appointment will run from 7th February 2010 to 6th February 2014.

Biographical notes

Peter Clayton is an Egyptologist, archaeologist and numismatist. He is an Honorary Member of the Institute of Archaeology at University College London, and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London for over 40 years. He has lectured widely in England, in most of the major museums and universities, and in Europe and Australia, on Egyptology, archaeology, antiquities and numismatics. He is often called upon for live radio and television interviews on current archaeological or Egyptological topics, and has been featured in a number of commercially available educational and archaeological TV programmes on British and American television. Founding Managing Editor of British Museum Publications, he subsequently headed the antiquities department of B.A. Seaby Ltd (one time Numismatists to HM The Queen) from 1980 to 2009. He is the author of the international best-seller *Chronicle of the Pharaohs* (1994, translated into 15 languages) and a dozen other books on archaeology. He advises the National Art Collections Fund, the Heritage Lottery Fund, as well as several departments in the British Museum and other national and archaeological museums. He was the Consulting Editor and Book Reviews, Editor of *Minerva*, *The International Review of Ancient Art and Archaeology*, which he founded in 1990 for the owner, Dr I. M. Eisenberg. He has undertaken no party political activity during the past five years.

Background

The Treasure Valuation Committee (TVC) provides independent advice to the Secretary of State on the fair market value of declared Treasure finds from England, Wales, and Northern Ireland which national and regional museums wish to acquire. Its membership comprises experts on the range of antiquities submitted for valuation, and on museums and their collections. In addition, the membership includes an individual who represents the interests of finders.



TVC members give their services on an honorary basis. However, expenses incurred by TVC members carrying out their duties, are reimbursed.

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