



## **Media Release**

### **Scottish Council of Independent Schools (SCIS) Appoints New Chairman**

SCIS is delighted to announce the appointment of Anton Colella as its new Chairman from May 2010. He will succeed Professor Sir David Edward who is standing down as Chairman at the SCIS Annual General Meeting in April.

Anton Colella is well known as the former Chief Executive of the Scottish Qualifications Authority, which he left in 2006 to become Chief Executive of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. He brings to the post of SCIS Chairman a deep understanding of the educational issues facing schools today, together with wide and varied professional and business experience. He is looking forward to taking up office and to meeting SCIS members in the coming months.

“This is a great opportunity”, said Judith Sischy, Director of SCIS. “SCIS has created a permanent position in Scottish education for the 32,000 children and 7,000 staff in the independent sector. As a sector, we represent an important part of the education system in Scotland. We have been privileged to have had outstanding Chairmen and we are greatly honoured that Anton Colella is to be our next Chairman.

Anton Colella said, “I am delighted to become Chairman of SCIS. The organisation provides genuine leadership for the diverse and hugely successful independent education sector. It also makes a significant contribution to education in Scotland in general. SCIS is relied upon by policy-makers for its important and distinctive views. I look forward to playing my part in setting the strategic direction for the organisation in the coming years.”

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