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P Nikiforos Diamandouros

European Ombudsman

P. Nikiforos Diamandouros was elected European Ombudsman on 1 April 2003. He was re-elected by the European Parliament for a second term in January 2005.

From 1998 to 2003, he was the first National Ombudsman of Greece. In 1993, he was appointed Professor of comparative politics at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of Athens (currently on leave). From 1995 to 1998 he served as Director and Chairman of the Greek National Centre for Social Research (EKKE).

He received his B.A. degree from Indiana University (1963) and his M.A. (1965), M.Phil. (1969) and Ph.D. (1972) degrees from Columbia University. Prior to joining the faculty of the University of Athens in 1988, he held teaching and research appointments at the State University of New York and Columbia University (1973-78). From 1980 to 1983, he served as Director of Development at Athens College, Greece. From 1983 to 1988, he was Program Director for Western Europe and the Near and Middle East at the Social Science Research Council, New York. From 1988 until 1991, he was the Director of the Greek Institute for International and Strategic Studies, Athens, a policy-oriented research organisation established with joint funding from the Ford and MacArthur Foundations. In 1997, he was Visiting Professor of political science at the Juan March Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (Madrid).

He has served as President of the Greek Political Science Association (1992-98) and the Modern Greek Studies Association of the United States (1985-88). He was a member of the Greek National Commission on Human Rights (1999-2003) and National Council for Administrative Reform (2000-2003). Between 1990 and 2002, he was co-chair of the Subcommittee on Southern Europe of the Social Science Research Council, New York.

He has written extensively on the politics and history of Greece, Southern Europe and Southeastern Europe and, more specifically, on democratisation, state and nation-building, and the relationship between culture and politics.

Andrew Vallance

Secretary, (UK) Defence, Press and Broadcasting Advisory Committee

Andrew took over this role in December 2004. Prior to that he spend 38 years in the Royal Air Force, serving operationally as a squadron pilot, flight commander and squadron commander, and subsequently as the last flying station commander of RAF Wyton. He spend 6 years in Whitehall and a further 10 years in NATO, ending his RAF career in the Command Group of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE). He has published over 60 articles and 3 books on defence and international security issues.

Daniel J. Metcalfe

Director of the Department of Justice's Office of Information and Privacy in the United States

Daniel J. Metcalfe manages the department's responsibilities related to the Freedom of Information and Privacy acts. Since 1981, he has advised federal agencies on all aspects of FOIA administration and has supervised the defence of more than 500 FOIA lawsuits. Metcalfe also served as a principal adviser to the Department of Homeland Security on post-9/11 information policy, as well as the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Prior to 1981, he was a Justice Department trial attorney and worked there during both college and law school in the early 1970s. He has been a career member of the Senior Executive Service since 1984.

Helen Darbshire

Helen is a founder and the executive director of Access Info Europe, an organization based in Madrid, Spain. She is the chair of the steering committee of the Freedom of Information Advocates Network, of which Access to Information Programme is a founding member.

Tony Bunyan

Tony Bunyan is an investigative journalist and writer specialising in justice and home affairs, civil liberties and freedom of information in the EU. He has been the Director of Statewatch since 1990 and edits Statewatch bulletin and Statewatch News online. He is the author of *The Political Police in Britain* (1977) and *Secrecy and openness in the EU* (1999). On behalf of Statewatch he has taken eight successful cases on access to documents to the European Ombudsman against the Council of the European Union (the 25 governments). In 2001 and 2004 the "European Voice" newspaper (owned by the Economist) selected him as one of the "EV50" - one of the fifty most influential people in the European Union.

Peter Hustinx

European Data Protection Supervisor

Peter Hustinx graduated with a degree in law from Utrecht University in 1972. He was admitted to the Rotterdam Bar in 1972 and the Amsterdam Bar in 1994. He joined Houthoff Buruma in 1980, and is now a partner in the Corporate Law Department. Peter Hustinx specialises in mergers and takeovers, corporate litigation, arbitration, insurance and reinsurance, including M&A, demutualisations, the regulation and establishment of insurance businesses, freedom of services, policy drafting and derivatives. Peter Hustinx is a committee member in the *Nederlandse Vereniging voor Verzekeringswetenschap* (Dutch Association for Insurance Science), a member of the Business Law Section of the International Bar Association and former vice-chairman of Committee D (Arbitration) of the SBL. He has authored a number of publications in the field of corporate law and insurance.