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Changes at the Top of Voice of the Listener & Viewer

After 18 very active months, Richard Lindley has stepped down as Chairman of Voice of the Listener & Viewer (VLV), though he will continue to advise the VLV Board on communications, and news and current affairs issues. The process of appointing a successor as VLV Chairman is under way.

Said Richard Lindley:

"It has been a privilege and a source of great satisfaction to chair VLV, dedicated as it is to maintaining the high standards of the best British broadcasting into the new digital age. Long may VLV's campaign continue!"

Commenting, VLV's Honorary President and Founder, Jocelyn Hay said:

"We are immensely grateful to Richard for leading VLV through one of its busiest periods ever, a time of intense activity and change in the media industries and one which also included celebrations to mark the first 25 years of VLV's campaigning - on behalf of listeners, viewers and new media users - to maintain the principles of public service in broadcasting.

Richard threw himself into VLV's affairs from the start, generously sharing his energy, enthusiasm and experience as a broadcaster. He was unstinting in the time and care he gave to leading and representing VLV, and to promoting the cause of the citizen and consumer in broadcasting. It has been virtually a full-time job, and Richard now needs to devote more of his time to his other commitments in the voluntary sector than he can whilst also chairing VLV.

We are all grateful to Richard, however, for agreeing to continue offering pro bono advice to the VLV Board on news, current affairs and communication matters. I am delighted that he will continue his long-term membership of VLV.

I would also like to record my thanks and gratitude to John Clark who, following a business career, has served for many years on the VLV Board and as a trustee of The Voice of the Listener Trust. John will lead the Board as Deputy Chairman for the next few months and through the process of appointing a successor to Richard.

Meantime, 2010 looks like being an even more demanding and busier year for VLV than 2009:

The Digital Economy Bill is now progressing through Parliament, the transition to an all-Digital TV UK is well under way, Channel 4 and ITV face further financial problems and the BBC continues to confront attacks on its management and funding. VLV will be active on all these issues through its Board and loyal membership. An exciting new spring programme will be announced in a few days time which will include news of VLV's annual spring conference on Wednesday, 28th April, 2010, arrangements for VLV's 2009 Awards for Excellence in Broadcasting, and VLV's 2010 Student Essay Competition." End.

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