

## **Professor David P Mellor OBE, LLM Chairman of the UKTA**

**D**avid Mellor has been Chairman of the United Kingdom Telecommunications Academy (UKTA a collection of leading edge telecommunications/ICT companies) since 1996, enabling the global transfer of knowledge to least developed and developing countries. The vision of the UKTA is to extend their Knowledge Transfer programme in harmony with the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) beyond China and Africa. In conjunction with the United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI) the UKTA will address the needs of those wishing to have a European perspective of regulating the ICT sector.

Working in the Telecommunications Industry for over 40 years David has a wealth of telecommunications knowledge, skills and experience having been during his career employed at all levels from technician to a member of the Executive Board of Directors. Working with Governments and Universities David has designed a number of academic programmes drawing on his vast international expertise, which specifically address the shortfalls in knowledge of human resources as they progress to the emerging liberalised communications organisations. With Cable & Wireless support David specified an on-line Academy and a number of electronic education and training programmes were made available via the Internet. Currently a visiting Professor of Telecommunications to Coventry University and SWUN (The Southwest University for Nationalities) and BUPT (Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications) in the Peoples Republic of China David also delivers modules of the Master of Communications Management as a visiting Professor at KIST, Rwanda. David's work with the British Government in respect of innovative scholarship schemes was recognised in the Queens Birthday Honours in 2003 where he was awarded an OBE.