

NEW AINA CHAIR



I am delighted to have become Chair of AINA for a three year period from 1 April 2010.

Julia Simpson and Stuart Taylor from the Environment Agency have done a splendid job in supporting our Executive Director, Philip Burgess over the last three years and I will do my best to carry on the good work. In these times of uncertainty and worries about future levels of Government funding it is even more important for those responsible for our inland navigations to work together. They deliver huge public benefits as the recent Defra consultation, *Waterways for Everyone* has highlighted and we shall need to continue to stress this to Ministers when they are considering priorities for expenditure.

One of AINA's big successes has been to showcase best practice at its annual conference and our Executive Committee has put its thinking cap on for the next one. I look forward to seeing a large number of AINA members then, along with other partners and waterway stakeholders.

John Packman, Chief Executive, Broads Authority