Professor Sir Peter Knight FRS, currently the Senior Principal, has been appointed as Deputy Rector (Research) with effect from 20 November 2009.

His portfolio will continue to focus on the overall research strategy of the College.

Sir Peter joined Imperial College in 1979 and became a professor in 1988. From 2001 to 2005 he was Head of the Department of Physics and from 2005 to 2008 Principal of the Faculty of Natural Sciences.

He is a Council member of the Science and Technology Facilities Council, and Chair of the Defence Scientific Advisory Council of the Ministry of Defence.

He is a Fellow of the Institute of Physics, the Optical Society of America and of the Royal Society, and is a recipient of the Ives Medal of the Optical Society of America, a Humboldt Prize from Germany and the Glazebrook and Thomas Young Medals of the Institute of Physics. He was knighted in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List in 2005 for his work in optical physics.

Rodney Eastwood
College Secretary