

## Paul Bush, MBE, MBAE

Paul Bush is experienced in assessing the needs of people with varying types of permanent disabilities. He is a Practising Member of the British Academy of Experts and has worked in the area of disability for the past 29 years, himself a paraplegic resulting from a farming accident in 1975.

He was Chairman of The Spinal Injuries Association for five years, retiring September 1987, and becoming The Association's Vice President for a further 10 years. He has also served on the Executive Committee of The Royal Association of Disability & Rehabilitation, as Vice Chairman of The Centre of Accessible Environments and as a member of the Millennium Exhibition Advisory Group on Accessibility.

He was appointed by The Secretary of State in 1993 to represent the United Kingdom concerning tourism for people with disabilities. Under its 'Tourism for All' banner, he worked closely with the European Commission in Brussels.

In 1995 he was elected President of a working group, consisting of member nation representatives, which was set up to advise the European Commission as to the appropriate standards of hotel accommodation and a classification scheme for disabled people throughout the European Community.

He is a past Board of Governors Member of Holiday Care and is currently Vice-President of Tourism for All. This is an organisation which brings together the National Tourist Boards, the tourist industry and the voluntary sector to 'redefine the consumer' to include all people, irrespective of age or disability. Tourism for All is concerned with producing and monitoring minimum standards for hotel accommodation in the UK and EEC for disabled people.

Throughout his successful and distinguished career, he has been involved and given evidence in a number of high profile cases. In 2002, he was awarded the MBE for services to disabled people.