Farewell Peter Butler

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news with you that Peter Butler sadly passed away last Wednesday 3rd November after a short illness. Peter was pivotal to ICGN’s evolution over the last 25 years, energetically and selflessly giving his time to serve on the ICGN Board and countless committees. He enthusiastically participated in ICGN conferences around the world and valued spending time with fellow Members, sharing bold and passionate opinion in shaping our global governance standards.

Peter was without doubt one of the world’s original governance pioneers and paved the way for what we call ‘investor stewardship’ today. He leaves an indelible legacy where, as CEO of Hermes Focus Asset Management, he was responsible for building the highly respected Hermes Focus Fund and Equity Ownership Services teams before establishing Governance for Owners where he remained as Founding Chair.

He was fiercely determined in promoting the highest standards of corporate governance which he wielded famously through constructive engagement in holding corporations to account. He did so with intelligence, integrity and credibility having had a long professional career spanning as an investor, senior corporate executive and board director over 25 years.

Peter will be remembered as one of the Governance Greats, a Mentor to many and a truly valued Friend. ICGN Members will share countless memories of our time together debating common causes with a twinkle in his eye over a glass at an ICGN gathering around the world. Our collective hearts ache with Peter’s loss but we will forever celebrate his brilliance, good humour, warmth, and love. A visionary to the end Peter’s life was full to the brim of achievements and ICGN will forever celebrate his legacy.

Please share your tributes with ICGN which we will relay to Peter’s family to Garvin.payne@icgn.org by 15th November. We will be in touch in due course with further details regarding funeral or memorial arrangements.

Warm regards,

Kerrie