

Landscape Photographer Colin Prior to be new APRS President

APRS is delighted to announce that Colin Prior has agreed to become our new President from this year's AGM. Colin Prior is known as one of the world's most respected landscape photographers. Born in Glasgow, his proximity to the Scottish Highlands shaped his passion for the outdoors and fostered his interest in photography. His photographs capture sublime moments of light and land, which are the result of meticulous planning and preparation and often take years to achieve. Prior is a photographer who seeks out patterns in the landscape and the hidden links between reality and the imagination.

Commissioned by British Airways for four years, he has travelled to over forty countries throughout the world and lived alone for extended periods of time in the wild just to understand his subject. His six books include *The World's Wild Places*, which was published internationally. More recently he has written 'Wild Scotland', published 2014. He is currently working on a four-year project in the Karakoram Mountains of Pakistan. He is a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society, and a founding member of the International League of Conservation Photographers.

Colin currently lives in Glasgow where he runs his own publishing business and works on a variety of corporate commissions. Over the past six years he has shared his knowledge through a series of photographic workshops both in Scotland and overseas

Colin Prior said : "I'm delighted to become your President, I look forward to working with APRS members to protect and promote Scotland's rural landscapes and I hope to meet many of you at the AGM or Council meetings over the next year or so".

APRS Director John Mayhew said: "Over the centuries Scotland's rural landscapes have inspired generations of artists, including painters, poets, authors and musicians. Colin Prior's superb photographs demonstrate that these links between landscape and art are still very much alive today. I am delighted that he has agreed to become our next President and very much look forward to working with him". At the same time John paid tribute to outgoing APRS President Jimmie Macgregor, who will step down at the AGM after 13 years' service: "APRS has greatly benefited from Jimmie's style and good humour over the years and we wish him well as his Presidency comes to an end. I particularly remember him announcing the winners of the MSPs photo competition a few years ago and his invaluable support when he launched our National Parks report *Unfinished Business* only last year".

