



Prof Christopher Gilligan

The Prime Minister reappointed Prof Christopher Gilligan as a Trustee of the Natural History Museum for 4 years until 18 May 2019.

Professor Gilligan is Professor of Mathematical Biology in the Department of Plant Sciences and formerly Head of the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Cambridge. He is also a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge.

His principal research interests are in the fields of epidemiology, ecology and mathematical biology.

Professor Gilligan has a range of national and international experience at senior level in setting and monitoring research policy and outcomes. This includes two terms as a Member a UK Research Council (BBSRC), chair of the Defra Science Advisory Council and advisor to International Government Organisations. He has also chaired numerous reviews including the recent UK Taskforce on Tree Health and Plant Biosecurity. He currently chairs the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, the public body that advises the UK Government and Devolved Administrations on UK-wide and international nature conservation.

He has held a BBSRC Professorial Fellowship and a Royal Society Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowship, and is an Honorary Fellow of the American Phytopathological Society and former President of the British Society for Plant Pathology.

Professor Gilligan was educated at Keble College and Wolfson College, Oxford, where he was awarded an MA in Agricultural and Forest Sciences and a D.Phil. in plant pathology.