

## **Biography:**

### **Steve Panton, Consultant, Panton Enterprises**

Steve joined his local evening newspaper, the Lincolnshire Echo, as a reporter in 1964. He moved on to a freelance news agency in 1968 and spent three years serving national newspapers, especially the popular tabloid press.

In 1971, he joined the BBC as a radio reporter, presenter, news and general programmes producer in the Nottingham newsroom. He then spent 16 years at BBC Radio Solent as news editor, programme controller and then manager. He had a spell producing television news bulletins for the BBC in Bristol. In 1993, he was appointed manager of the BBC's radio service for London--a post he held for six years.

Since 1982, he has been the media lecturer at courses attracting delegates from all over the world run by Oil Spill Response in Southampton. He has been media director on numerous oil spill exercises in the UK, continental Europe and the Middle East. He is a member of BP Shipping's emergency response team for Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Recent clients for whom he has provided media training include Barclays Capital, Aramco Overseas, the Marine Emergency Mutual Aid Centre in Bahrain and BP.

