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**COLLEGE NOTICE**

**HEAD OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, PUBLIC HEALTH & PRIMARY CARE**

The College is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Head of the Division of Epidemiology, Public Health and Primary Care. Professor Elio Riboli, MD, MPH, ScM, will take up this role on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006.

Professor Riboli has spent most of his career in the field of cancer epidemiology with the aim of contributing to the identification of the environmental, societal and behavioural factors that play a role in the complex aetio-pathogenesis of cancer.

He contributed to the development of modern epidemiology by promoting and steering the European Prospective Investigation on Cancer (EPIC), at present the largest prospective cohort study in the world with both individual lifestyle data and biological samples collected from over half a million volunteers in 10 European countries. He is currently leading large international research projects investigating the interaction of genetic predisposition with lifestyle and environmental factors in the risk of developing cancers of the breast and prostate. Professor Riboli was awarded the French National Prize for Research on Nutrition 2003, and the NIH-NCI Distinguished Lecturer in Cancer Prevention 2003 and in Cancer Epidemiology 2004.

After having spent two decades at the International Agency for Research on Cancer of the WHO in Lyon, France, as Head of the Nutrition, Hormone and Cancer Unit, Professor Riboli joined Imperial College in November 2005.

He will succeed Professor Paul Elliott who has served as Head of Division since September 1998.

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