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COLLEGE NOTICE

FACULTY OF MEDICINE ACADEMIC STRUCTURE AND SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

Faculty of Medicine academic structure

Following a three-month period of consultation which concluded on 30 September 2009, the College announces a new academic structure for the Faculty of Medicine.

The new top level academic structure, which will be effective from 1 January 2010, and its senior leadership team, effective from 1 October 2009, is as follows:

Faculty leadership

Principal: Professor Stephen K Smith

Deputy Principal: Professor Sir Anthony Newman Taylor

Director of Research and Development: Professor Jonathan Weber

Director of Education: Professor Jenny Higham

Faculty Operating Officer: Mr Philip Blissett

Institute for Clinical Sciences

Head of Institute: Professor Amanda Fisher

Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology

Head of Institute: Professor Marc Feldmann

Department of Medicine

Head of Department: Professor Gavin Screaton

National Heart and Lung Institute

Head of Institute: Professor Mike Schneider

School of Public Health

Head of School: Professor Elio Riboli

Department of Surgery and Cancer

Head of Department: Professor Jeremy Nicholson

To view the complete new structure, visit: www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/about/newstructures

The alignment of processes and systems with the new structure will be completed in August 2010.

Senior appointments in the Faculty of Medicine

As a result of the new structure three new positions have been created. The College is pleased to announce the following appointments:

Director of Education, Faculty of Medicine

Professor Jenny Higham has accepted appointment as Director of Education for the Faculty of Medicine with effect from 1 October 2009. In this new role Professor Higham is responsible for leading the delivery and development of both undergraduate and postgraduate activity across the Faculty.

Professor Higham has held academic appointments at Imperial since January 1997 when she was appointed Senior Lecturer. She became Reader in 2004 and Professor of Medical Education in 2007, and from 2006-09 she was Head of Undergraduate Medicine in the Faculty. During the time of her appointment she organised an extensive curriculum review and led the Faculty in the year long comprehensive Quality Assurance review by the General Medical Council. Her current research interests include the use of advanced simulation in medical education and she continues to have clinical responsibilities as a Consultant Gynaecologist at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust.

A search will begin shortly to fill the position responsible for leading the Undergraduate Medicine programmes, which will report to the Director of Education.

Head of the Department of Surgery and Cancer

Professor Jeremy Nicholson has accepted appointment as Head of the new Department of Surgery and Cancer, with effect from 1 October 2009.

Professor Nicholson, who joined the College in April 1998, holds the Chair in Biological Chemistry and is a member of the Section of Biomolecular Medicine. His research programme is based upon the study of molecular physio-chemical processes in metabolism and medicine and has been recognised through numerous awards, including the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) SAC Silver and Gold Medals for Analytical Chemistry and the Pfizer Global Research Chemistry Prize. He is the founder of a spin-out company based on his work, Metabometrix.

Head of the Department of Medicine

Professor Gavin Screaton FMedSci has accepted appointment as Head of the new Department of Medicine with effect from 1 October 2009. Professor Screaton previously held the post of Head of the Division of Medicine.

Professor Screaton, who joined the College in May 2004, holds the Chair in Medicine. His research programme is based upon the study of the immunology of infectious disease with particular respect to dengue virus infection. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and was elected as one of the Founder Senior Clinical Investigators for the National Institute for Health Research.

Rodney Eastwood
College Secretary