

Kudos to a long-serving ESR dignitary

Adrian K. Dixon receives highest honours at Cambridge University

ESR Newsletter is proud to report that Professor Adrian K. Dixon, Chairman of the ESR Publications Committee and Editor-In-Chief of the society's journal, *European Radiology*, has been elected Master of Peterhouse at Cambridge University.

The Fellows of Peterhouse announced his election as 51st known Master from June 26, 2008, making him only the second medical Master in the College's over 700-year history, and the first since 1500.

Adrian Dixon was born in 1948 in Cambridge, where he is now Professor of Radiology at the University of Cambridge, and Honorary Consultant Radiologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital. The son of a long-standing Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, Professor Kendal Dixon, he was educated at Uppingham and King's College, where he read Medicine, graduating in 1969 before undertaking clinical medical studies at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. He then pursued general medicine in Nottingham, before specialising in radiology. After spells in paediatric radiology at Great Ormond Street Hospital, and in computed tomography (CT) at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, he became a Lecturer in the University of Cambridge Department of Radiology in 1979.

Prof. Dixon is a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Radiologists (FRCR), of Physicians (FRCP) and of Surgeons (FRCS), and in 1998 was elected a founding Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences (FMedSci), one of very few radiologists to be so recognised. He enjoys a worldwide

reputation as a radiologist, with research and clinical interests mainly centred on developing body-computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). He travels extensively to lecture and teach, being awarded honorary Fellowship or Membership of radiological societies in Australia and New Zealand, France, Hungary, Ireland, and Sweden.

He has published extensively on CT, MRI, anatomy, diagnostic radiology, and aspects of effectiveness within radiology. He was Editor of *Clinical Radiology* from 1998–2002, and was appointed Editor-in-Chief of *European Radiology* in 2007. He served a six-year term from 1996–2002 as Clinical Director of Radiology at Addenbrooke's Hospital NHS Trust, where he has helped to raise over £15 million for numerous state-of-the-art CT and MRI scanners, and continues regular clinical work with patients as an Honorary Consultant. In service to the medical profession, he has been Chairman of the Royal College of Radiologists' Guidelines Working Party from 1993–98; a member of the Partners' Council of the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) from 1999–2002; Warden of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology of the Royal College of Radiologists from 2002–06; and Magnetic Resonance Clinical Guardian to the UK Department of Health from 2004–07. He was recently awarded the President's Medal of the Royal College of Radiologists (2007) and the Barclay Prize by the British Institute of Radiology (2008).

Adrian Dixon was elected a Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge in 1986, where he was Direc-

tor of Medical Studies until 1994, continuing thereafter to supervise in anatomy. As Master he will succeed Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, a former Governor of Hong Kong, who retires this summer under the terms of the College's statutes. In a statement on the College's website, Professor David Watkin, the senior Fellow of Peterhouse said, "After very thorough and wide-ranging consideration, the Fellows of Peterhouse were unanimous in electing Adrian Dixon to be our next Master. We are delighted to elect one of our own, someone who has given immense devotion and service to the College and its members for over twenty years, while at the same time being recognised internationally for his eminence in his field. We all look forward to his guidance and continuing friendship in building on the outstanding Mastership of Lord Wilson."

Professor Dixon commented, "The Fellows have bestowed upon me a very great honour, in a College which is very dear to my heart. I look forward to everyone connected with Peterhouse working together to make this College even better, in what I know will be very much a joint effort."

Adrian Dixon is married to Anne, and has two adult sons and a daughter. Their home will be the Master's Lodge at Peterhouse.

On behalf of all members and staff of the European Society of Radiology, ESR Newsletter would like to extend its warmest congratulations to Prof. Dixon for this distinguished honour.



Peterhouse is the oldest college in Cambridge: it was founded in 1284 by Hugo de Balsham, Bishop of Ely. Today it has approximately 250 undergraduates, 90 graduate students, and 45 fellows, making it the smallest College in the University of Cambridge.