

Admission of Life Members

The following members were admitted to Life Membership of the Institution at the Celebration and Admission of Life Members on Thursday 7th December 2017.

Four Public Orators presented these citations.

DR PETER BRIAN CAREY



Dr Peter Carey went to Hutton Grammar School in Preston and qualified from Liverpool Medical School in 1970.

He worked as a consultant in genitourinary medicine (sexual health and HIV) in the Royal Liverpool Hospital. He was an inspiration to me when I joined the service in 1986 and guided me to a consultant post in Chester in 1990. He was the main physician looking after HIV patients and they all loved to see him. It was always disconcerting to have a patient come in and see me and say oh dear is Peter Carey not here?! We published a paper together in genitourinary medicine journal in 1989 entitled relevance of computed tomography to diagnose pneumocystis carinii pneumonia. CC Evans was also a listed author! Peter Carey was a keen runner and I remember running around Sefton Park trying to keep up with him, unsuccessfully! We had some good times together and saw some amazing cases.

In his retirement he enjoys running, hiking, sailing, cycling, music and cookery and learning Greek!

I am delighted he is enjoying his retirement and really pleased he came all the way from Glasgow tonight to receive this honour.

C O'MAHONY

DR PAMELA LESLEY MACHIN



Pam went to Sir John Talbot's Grammar School, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Pam has two younger sisters, one is a dentist and the other a teacher. Her mum was a nurse and stimulated her interest in medicine.

She qualified as a Liverpool graduate in 1972 when she was just 23 years old.

She did her house year at the Royal Southern Hospital and then became an SHO for 18 months, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, and Paediatrics.

Pam decided on a career in General Practice, but aspired to work in 'leafy' Liverpool rather than inner city Liverpool. She went to see Dr Ian Bogle, and with a little help from her Obstetric Consultant, Ken Perera, she was appointed as a GP partner to the Priory Road practice.

Pam was the youngest ever GP Principle to be appointed in Liverpool, and still holds that record. I think that she is now trying to the position of youngest ever Life Member of the LMI as well!

Pam became a very successful and highly respected GP and developed specialist expertise in psychiatry and women's health. She has Diplomas in Obstetrics, Child Health and family planning (RCOG, DCH, FRCGP, Dip Family Planning).

Pam also became interested in medical education and is a Registered Practitioner of the Higher Education Academy, a GP Trainer and a course organiser.

When Pam joined the practice, there were only 3 doctors, but she played an integral role in increasing this to 7 GPs before she retired at the age of 63 years.

Pam and Derek have two sons: David who is a consultant orthopaedic surgeon in Crewe, married to Aerone, a plastic surgeon in Whiston, and Nigel, who is a government lawyer.

Since retiring, Pam has spent a lot of time doing work for her local church, All Saints, in Thornton Hough, and was the Church Warden for 2 years. She even takes in stray cacti from other homes. Pam actually does have a keen interest in cacti and she told me that they do very well when they are neglected.

Derek - just be careful that you are not treated like the cacti when you retire!

A SWIFT

DR DEREK GRENVILLE MACHIN



Derek attended the Liverpool Institute High School for boys and also studied medicine at Liverpool. He qualified in medicine 1972.

Derek was introduced to the LMI as a Junior Houseman by his boss Mr Gerard Sanderson, an influential general physician at the Royal Southern Hospital.

In his early years the ever-sensible Derek organised a charcoal BBQ in the doctors' mess, resulting in a visit by a Fire Engine.

He also ran the A&E 'Out-of-hours' at the Royal Southern hospital. He had one episode when a regular attender turned up and knocked on the door. Derek opened the hatch and told him to go away and lie down on the road. It sounds like a sketch from Blackadder! Shortly afterwards, a passer-by called to say that there was a man lying in the middle of the road outside the hospital.

In those days, Derek could choose who he would like to work with to run the service. He chose five friends, including Pam. They had become friends as medical students and married in 1973. All five doctors attended the wedding and Derek organised for medical students locums to cover the hospital A&E.

He went on to become an anatomy demonstrator with Prof Linda de Cossart, at a time when both Peter Dangerfield and Jim Johnson were lecturers.

It was Jim Johnson who led him to his lifetime career in medical politics.

Derek went on to lead the first Doctors' strike at Birkenhead General Hospital in 1975.

Derek rotated around various hospitals in the region including Alder Hey, Birkenhead General, Liverpool Royal Infirmary and Broadgreen.

Derek became a general surgical trainee and was due to rotate to Broadgreen Hospital, but his intended post closed unexpectedly, but, opportunity knocked, and he was offered a job in urology at Broadgreen with Mr Jim Gow.

He did a research post as senior registrar at the Royal Liverpool Hospital following which he worked as a urology registrar for a year before becoming senior registrar in urology.

Derek was appointed to his consultant post as the only urologist at Walton and Fazakerley Hospital in 1988. He has since masterminded an increase in the Department to 5½ consultants.

Derek had already made a significant impact as a medical politician and he became deputy chair of the Hospital Junior Staff Committee, followed by the Consultants Committee in 1991. As deputy chair of the latter, he led on the new consultant contract until 2002. However, following a national vote of consultant members, only 30% approved of the new deal. Derek found himself as a hate figure! However, when the new contract was implemented many consultants saw both their pay and their pensions increase.

Derek has yet to retire and he continues to sit on various BMA committees frequently commuting between Liverpool and London.

Both Pam and Derek love travel and exploration, and they are so organised that they normally take two 3-week holidays each year.

A SWIFT

PROF JULIAN LIONEL VERBOV



Professor Verbov is a dermatologist with a national and international reputation in general and particularly paediatric dermatology and also as an inspired dermatological teacher.

He was brought up in London, then came to Liverpool as a medical student before going back South for house jobs at Watford and at Whipp's Cross, where as a house physician he did cover some dermatology. This came in very useful when he was sent to Germany in 1960, as one of the last group to do National Service. He first arrived expecting to look after the children of servicemen but was then told he was going to do pathology, including cross-matching blood. After two weeks he was asked to cover dermatology for three months at five British military hospitals in Germany but in fact he did this for two years until the end of his National Service, with some amateur dramatics in his spare time.

On returning to the UK in 1962 he drove the wrong way round a roundabout at Southend before starting as a medical SHO at Peace Memorial Hospital, Watford. Almost as soon as he arrived there he made his reputation locally by asking to look at a woman who had become psychotic and was being taken to a psychiatric hospital. He diagnosed 'myxoedema madness', which had previously been described by Richard Asher in the 1920s. He wrote this up and was later quoted in Cecil and Loeb's well-known textbook.

Professor Verbov became a general medical registrar at Whipp's Cross, covering 250 beds and various specialties. On one occasion he had a call from a GP doing a home visit, saying that 'the patient will not stop doing cartwheels'. He never knew the outcome of this. He became a dermatology registrar at Guy's, where he developed what would be a lasting interest in fingerprints, then became a senior registrar at Bart's, a very busy job where he also covered A+E. A pedometer showed that he usually walked 11 miles a day, or 16 miles a day when on call.

In 1965 he married Hazel, a teacher and accomplished clarinet player, and still a prizewinning allotment gardener. They went on to have three children and numerous grandchildren.

Professor Verbov was appointed as a consultant here in 1972, at the Royal Liverpool, Myrtle Street and Alder Hey, with fortnightly visits as well to the Isle of Man. He has written or contributed to 35 textbooks and about 350 learned papers, co-founded the British Society for Paediatric Dermatology and started the 'Pediatric Dermatology' journal and the Liverpool paediatric dermatology course as well as editing the British Journal of Dermatology for three years. In 1998 he became an Honorary Professor of Dermatology at Liverpool University, then in 2006 received the Sir Archibald Grey Medal, the highest award given by the British Association of Dermatologists, for outstanding achievements.

As well as his work commitments he was a magistrate for 20 years, and for two years lectured in Old Testament Studies in the University Department of Philosophy. He is also a world expert on fingerprints and a consultant to the Fingerprint Society. He recently appeared in a Japanese television documentary on Henry Faulds, a Scottish medical missionary to Japan who was a pioneer in the forensic use of fingerprints. For many years he enjoyed doing conjuring tricks, and after performing some at a daughter's wedding celebration he was invited by the band leader to join him as a regular entertainer.

Professor Verbov has always enjoyed his work at Alder Hey. He has numerous colourful ties to interest the children, and on one occasion marked Red Nose Day by dressing accordingly. He was surprised to find that neither staff nor patients commented on his unusual appearance throughout the clinic.

After his official retirement 18 years ago he carried on with his Alder Hey clinics until 2014 and still does Grand round presentations there twice a year. He continues to attend and to contribute to local dermatology meetings, and also to teach medical students and other groups.

A FRANKS

PROF GRAHAM HUGH WHITEHOUSE



Professor Graham Whitehouse is Emeritus Professor of Diagnostic Radiology at the University of Liverpool.

Graham's first association with Liverpool was as a small child when he was evacuated to his uncle's house in Anfield, Liverpool. Educated at Harrow County School for Boys, Graham was interested in English and History and reluctantly switched to the science subjects in order to get into medical school. Graham's connection with North London is still active as an Arsenal supporter and member of Middlesex Cricket Club.

Graham attended King's College, London for his pre-clinical years followed by clinical training at Westminster Medical School where he excelled in Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynaecology, gaining colours in Rugby and graduating MB BS (Honours) in 1965. After junior clinical posts in Westminster and gaining MRCP, Graham began training in radiology eventually finishing his training in Bristol.

Graham was appointed Senior Lecturer in Liverpool in 1972 and the first Professor of Radiology in Liverpool in 1977, a post he held to 2001. His clinical interests were in breast imaging, musculoskeletal and women's imaging. Active collaboration with Robert Shields, Steve Snowden, George Meachim, Roger Bucknall and John Woodrow resulted in the production of more than 160 peer reviewed articles. With Sam Leinster and David George, Graham set up the mobile breast screening unit prior to the national programme.

Graham has held a number of distinguished posts: Director of Magnetic Resonance and Image Analysis Research Centre, University of Liverpool, Head of Training in Diagnostic Radiology, Mersey Region and Head of Department of Medical Imaging, University of Liverpool. During his career Graham has trained many outstanding radiologists who work in Liverpool and elsewhere in the UK and abroad. He was a senior examiner for the FRCR examination and held visiting professorships in the Middle East and Far East.

Graham has been married to Jacqueline for 48 years and in retirement rekindled his love of History by gaining an MPhil at Liverpool University.

Mr President, I have the honour of presenting to you for admission to Life Membership of the Liverpool Medical Institution, Professor Graham Whitehouse.

J CURTIS