

Hellenic Medical Society of the United Kingdom

Dear Colleague,

I am happy to invite you to the following Keynote Lecture at 6:00pm on the 4th of November 2011 at Hughes Hall, that I believe would be of interest to you.

Professor Martin Bobrow will be talking about "Issues in Research Funding Allocation". The speaker will be introduced by Professor Patrick Sissons, Regius Professor of Physic. The lecture will be under the auspices of the Hughes Hall Centre for Biomedical Science in Society. The schedule will be

5:00 Tea and Coffee, Combination Room/Pfeiffer Room

6:00-7:00 Seminar and replies

7:00 Drinks and conversation. Combination Room/Pfeiffer Room

#### Abstract

Charities, governments and other funders of research must prioritize the areas in which they allocate research funding. An old but unresolved issue is the weight that should be given to questions that the general public feel need urgent answers. Other groups remind us of the unsolved pressing issues of the developing world and the responsibility we have developing preventive measures and treatments for tropical and orphan diseases. This keynote lecture, delivered by Professor Martin Bobrow, will introduce us to some considerations relating to science funding in this. Should global disease priorities, achievability of research goals or research quality be guiding funding allocation? As a society, do we need ethical guidelines that would drive future research agendas? Are these guidelines more urgently needed in recession times?

#### Short Biography

Martin Bobrow studied medicine in South Africa . He worked in Edinburgh and Oxford , before becoming Professor of Medical Genetics in Amsterdam , London and then Cambridge in 1995. He retired from this post in 2005. He has been Deputy Chairman of the Wellcome Trust, Chairman of ULTRA (Unrelated Living Transplant Regulating Authority), Chairman of COMARE (Department of Health Advisory Committee on radiation in the Environment), Deputy Chairman of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, Chairman of the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign and a member of the Medical Research Council and the Human Genetics Advisory Commission.

Please, RSVP to Annica Curtis [ac804@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ac804@cam.ac.uk) indicating 'CBSS seminar 4th November' in your reply.

With best wishes

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