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COLLEGE NOTICE

FACULTY OF MEDICINE SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

Director of Research and Development, Faculty of Medicine

Professor Jonathan Weber, currently Head of the Division of Medicine, has been appointed as Director of Research and Development for the Faculty of Medicine with effect from 1 April 2008. Professor Weber is responsible for research strategy, governance and delivery in respect of the Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC), reporting to the Principal of the Faculty. This role complements his existing appointment as Director of Research for the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, as part of the evolving AHSC structure.

Professor Weber is the Jefferiss Professor of Communicable Diseases and GU Medicine, and has been at Imperial in his current role since 1990. He has undertaken extensive clinical and laboratory based research on HIV/AIDS, HTLV-I and other STIs. Professor Weber established the first UK cohort studies of the natural history of AIDS, and co-founded the WHO Network for HIV characterisation in 1992. He is also an advisor to WHO, UNAIDS, DfID and EC on aspects of HIV infection.

Head of the Division of Medicine

Professor Gavin Screaton has accepted appointment as Head of the Division of Medicine, in succession to Professor Jonathan Weber, with effect from 1 January 2009.

Professor Screaton currently holds the Chair in Medicine, and is Deputy Head of the Division. 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 National Institute for Health Research Senior Clinical Investigators.

Head of Division, National Heart and Lung Institute (NHLI)

Professor Michael D Schneider has accepted appointment as Head of Division for the National Heart and Lung Institute with effect from 1 January 2009. Professor Schneider

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succeeds Professor Sir Anthony Newman Taylor, following Sir Anthony's appointment as Deputy Principal of the Faculty of Medicine from 1 October 2008.

Professor Schneider joined the College in September 2007 as Head of Cardiovascular Science within the NHLI. His research concerns genetic circuits for cardiac muscle cell death in heart disease and for cardiac muscle cell creation by adult and embryonic stem cells, seeking new therapeutic opportunities towards more effective heart repair. He holds the British Heart Foundation Simon Marks Chair of Regenerative Cardiology and is Director of Imperial's BHF Centre for Research Excellence. He is the recipient of an ERC Advanced Investigator Grant and has been appointed a member of the MRC Council.

Associate Head of Division, National Heart and Lung Institute, and Campus Dean, Royal Brompton Campus

Professor William (Bill) Cookson has accepted appointment as Associate Head of Division, National Heart and Lung Institute, and as Campus Dean for the Royal Brompton campus with effect from 1 January 2009.

Professor Cookson has been Professor of Respiratory Genetics at Imperial since 2004, and was previously Professor of Human Genetics at the University of Oxford. His research focuses on increasing understanding of the genetic causes of asthma and eczema. He is currently coordinator of the GABRIEL Project, a Europe-wide investigation into genetic and environmental causes of asthma.

Professor Cookson will also take on leadership of the Respiratory Review currently underway within the Faculty of Medicine.

Rodney Eastwood
College Secretary