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COLLEGE NOTICE

INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL HEALTH INNOVATION

Professor The Lord Darzi of Denham, KBE, PC, FmedSci, HonFREng, the Paul Hamlyn Chair of Surgery, Department of Surgery and Cancer, has accepted appointment as Chairman of the Institute for Global Health. He succeeds Professor Baron Peter Piot, who has been appointed Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, from September 2010.

From 2007-2009 Lord Darzi was Parliamentary Under-Secretary in the Department of Health. In government he led a major review of the NHS which was followed by publication of his report 'High Quality Care For All'. Lord Darzi is currently the Global Ambassador for Health and Life Sciences, a UK Business Ambassador, and the Chair of the NHS Global Forum. He was appointed a Privy Councillor in 2009, knighted for his services to medicine and surgery in 2002, and is currently an Honorary Consultant Surgeon at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust. He joined the College in 1994.

Upon Lord Darzi's appointment as its Chairman, the Institute will become the Institute of Global Health Innovation. Its mission will be to improve the health of people and to reduce health inequalities in both developed and developing countries, by harnessing Imperial's multidisciplinary strengths across its Faculties and Business School to overcome scientific, technical, managerial and political obstacles.

Professor Guang-Zhong Yang, Chair in Medical Image Computing, Department of Computing and Institute of Biomedical Engineering, has accepted appointment as Deputy Chairman of the Institute, to strengthen further multidisciplinary research and technological innovation in the Institute.

Professor Yang, who joined the College in 1999, is Director and Founder of the Royal Society/Wolfson Medical Image Computing Laboratory, co-founder of the Wolfson Surgical Technology Laboratory, and co-founder of the Hamlyn Centre for Robotic Surgery. He is a research director of the Institute of Biomedical Engineering. Combining technological innovation and clinical translation, Professor Yang's research is developing safe, effective, and accessible technologies for both developed and developing countries, including the development of pervasive sensing and body sensor network technologies. He is a recipient of the Royal Society Wolfson Research Merit Award and the I.I. Rabi Award from the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine.

The Institute of Global Health Innovation will be home to multiple Centres, each involving academic staff from different Faculties, and will evolve in response to global healthcare challenges and technological developments.

Rodney Eastwood
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