



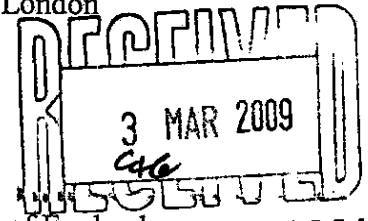
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To the Presidents of The Royal College of Physicians of London
The College of Medicine of South Africa, Cape Town
The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Melbourne
The Royal College of Surgeons of England, London

cc Chief Executives of the above Colleges
Professor Sir Peter Morris
Professor I T Gilmore
Prof Zephne van der Spuy
Mr John Black, President Elect, Royal College of Surgeons of England



24 February 2009

Dear President

Sir Arthur Sims Commonwealth Travelling Professorship – 2009

The Advisory Board for the Sir Arthur Sims Professorship is due to consider an appointment or appointments for the year 2009. I shall be glad to receive nominations, with supporting documentation no later than **Friday 28 May 2009**.

May I remind you that you are invited to suggest the name of anyone whom you would like to visit your country, as well as those from your own country who you recommend as visitors elsewhere.

The tours arranged in recent years have been as follows:

1997 Professor Andrew Kaye, The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia; to Canada; USA; to the UK; Singapore; and Malaysia.

1998 Professor Phil Gold, The Montreal General Hospital, Canada; to the UK; South Africa; New Zealand; Australia; and Singapore.

Professor Charles Galasko, The University of Manchester, UK; to New Zealand; Zimbabwe; South Africa; and Australia.

1999 Professor Michael Sheppard, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, UK; to Australia; Zimbabwe; and Cape Town.

2000 Professor Wayne A Morrison, St Vincent's Hospital and Geelong Hospital, Victoria, Australia; to England; Scotland; and Singapore.

2001 Professor Michael C Kew, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

2002 Professor Valerie Lund, Hong Kong, South Africa, and New Zealand/Australia.

2005 Professor Charles Pusey, Imperial College London, UK; to New Zealand/Australia.

Professor Guy Maddern, University of Adelaide, Australia; to Scotland; Berlin; USA and South Africa

This year's meeting of the Advisory Board will be held at the Royal College of Surgeons on 06 July 2009, 2.00 – 3.00pm.

Please note that nominations from the Anaesthetic Colleges must be made through the appropriate Surgical College.

For your information, please find attached a fact sheet regarding the Professorship that may be of interest to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Gray', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Laura Gray (*Ms*)
Secretary
Fellowship and Election Prize Committee

Enc; Sir Arthur Sims Commonwealth Travelling Fellowship Factsheet



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Sir Arthur Sims Commonwealth Travelling Fellowship

The Professorship was endowed by Sir Arthur Sims, a New Zealand industrialist with business interests in New Zealand, Australia and England. It aims to establish closer links between scientific workers in the Commonwealth. One or two Commonwealth Professors are appointed each year, generally a prominent physician, surgeon or scientific worker resident in Great Britain, Australia or New Zealand, or South Africa. The appointing authorities are also empowered, however, to elect a distinguished teacher from one of the other Commonwealth countries. The appointed Professor is required to travel to any country within the British Commonwealth, of his/her choosing, for the purpose of assisting in the advancement of medical science by lecturing, teaching or engaging in research. The exact duration of the visit, and the centres to be visited, are determined by each Professor, in accordance with his/her own particular interests, and other commitments. The duty is ambassadorial as well as academic. Appointment of the Professor is made on the recommendation of the Advisory Board who meet annually. The Advisory Board consists of the Presidents (or representatives) of:

- The Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS)
- The Royal College of Physicians of London (RCP)
- The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)
- The College of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA)