Curriculum Vitae

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Degree etc. (subject, class, university, and date):

Biological Sciences PhD Salford 1998 Medical Microbiology F.I.B.M.S Institute of Biomedical Sciences 1978

Posts held (with dates):

Clinical Director, MelBec Microbiology Ltd	2014-present
Independent Consultant, Essential Microbiology Ltd	2008-present
Visiting Professor, Institute of Skin Integrity and Infection	
Prevention, University of Huddersfield	2016-present
Emeritus Professor of Medical Microbiology	2014-present (MMU)
Director of Research / Head of Research	2010-2014 (MMU)
Assistant Research Director, MMU	2004-2010 (MMU)
Professor of Medical Microbiology	2007-2014 (MMU)
Reader in Medical Microbiology	2004-2007 (MMU)
Senior Lecturer, Medical Microbiology	1991-2004 (MMU)
Part-time lecturer	1984-1991(MMU)
Head of Department-Microbiology	1986-1991 NHS (Bury)
Senior Biomedical Scientist (Microbiology)	1978-1986 NHS (NMGH)
Trainee Biomedical Scientist	1972-1978 NHS (Durham)

Professional Responsibilities

Working Group (Infection prevention in Burns Injuries)	2014-present
Committee Member, Society of Applied Microbiology	2014-2018
Scientific Advisor to the Institute of Biomedical Sciences	1998-2014
Deputy Chief Examiner, Microbiology, Institute of Biomedical Scie	nces 2003-2010
Fellow of the Institute of Biomedical Sciences	1978-2018
Hon Treasurer, Society of Applied Microbiology	2004-2009
Chairman of the Institute of Biomedical Sciences	
Bacteriology Discussion Group, Manchester	2003-2014
Expert member of North Manchester research Ethics Committee	2005-2010

RESEARCH

I have written numerous refereed publications, a frequent speaker at National and International Conferences, supervised 19 post graduate students to completion and generated over £1,000,000 of funding, either as principal or co-investigator.

I was one of the original research team led by the late Professor Derek Gordon who developed microbial identification using MALDI-TOF-MS. This original work was published in Nature Biotechnology and has been cited over 400 times as the first publication in this field. The original research has now led to the further development of this technique and the commercialisation of this novel identification

methodology has revolutionised diagnostic microbiology and resulted in billions of pounds of income for the commercial companies.

In collaboration with the PHE in Manchester I helped to develop some of the molecular diagnostics using real time PCR for meningitis and other key pathogens. These new molecular methods helped to improve the routine diagnosis and epidemiological studies of these medically important microorganisms. The overall aim for all projects was to improve detection time, enabling the administration of accurate treatment and prophylaxis for infectious disease, ultimately improving patient care.

My most notable research has involved wound microbiology and the impact of a changing environment on the microorganisms present in wounds. Recent work has focussed on antimicrobial dressings, wound biofilms and alternative antimicrobial agents such as essential oils. Here I work on both the development and testing of final products, which I have undertaken for a number of medical companies.

CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES

MelBec Microbiology Ltd was established as an Independent Microbiology testing company with three Directors, myself as Clinical Director. It is my responsibility to promote the company and further develop the strategic growth in medical and diagnostic microbiology and cover clinical aspects of personal care. The company is UKAS accredited and I undertake a number of contract research projects with a number of companies in this facility. www.melbecmicrobiologyltd.co.uk

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AT SENIOR MANAGEMENT LEVEL

As Director of Research, I worked strategically across the University to ensure that all research was supported and expanded as set out in the Intuitional Plan, *The 2020 vision*. I was responsible for a £6.5m budget and administration of all aspects of research funding and post graduate provision. I was also responsible for reporting National statistical returns. I reported directly to the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Board of Governors. I also worked closely with the members of Directorate, Faculties, Departments and Schools, as well as other academic and support staff in the wider research community of the University and external bodies, such as Funding Councils, government departments, regional, national and international organisations.

Prior to joining the University, I worked in the NHS for 19 years the latter six years in a senior management role. I took up the position of Head of Department for a Clinical Microbiology Laboratory in 1984 and was responsible for the diagnosis of infectious disease in a population catchment area of over 500,000 people. This involved processing over 80,000 specimens per annum. I was responsible for the management, operations and training requirements of the laboratory. This involved planning the most efficient use of space, negotiating and ordering capital equipment, building business cases, negotiating contracts, ensuring the laboratory operated to

health and safety standards as well as those required for accreditation. The laboratory was operational 24 hours a day, 365 days per annum and it included management of an 'out of hours' service, weekend and evening cover. I also ensured cover for other Trusts for certain tests that were only carried out in my laboratory

TEACHING AND EXAMINING EXPERIENCE

I have been actively involved in the development, validation, administration and teaching on a variety of courses, including a **Doctorate in Health and PhD by Practice**.

Course and year	1991-1994	BTEC (HNC) Course Leader
tutorship	1994-1998	IBMS Primary Course Leader

1995-2004 BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences (2nd year

tutor)

Unit Co-ordinator Medical Microbiology A / B (MSc)

And teaching experience Disorder study (MSc)

Analytical Science (MSc) – mass spectrometry

Medical Microbiology (BSc)
Pathology Science (BSc Level II)
Epidemiology (Primary Course)

Genetics (BSc level 1)
Immunology (BSc level 1)

Human Disease processes (BSc level 3)

DNA in Biomedical Sciences'1993

CPD Short Courses

Organised 3 day theoretical course

'Investigation of the Infertile Couple' March1994 'Treatment of the Infertile Couple' Sept 1994 (Two, one week courses organised with the British

Andrology Society.)

Course Validation/ Review BSc Dental technology, MMU

MSc Biomedical Sciences, UWIC

Doctorate in Health, MMU

M(Res)Education and Society, MMU (Chair)

MSc Microbiology, Northumbria

Course External Examiner MSc Biomedical Science, Bradford University (2005-

2009)

Biomedical Science Foundation Degree, Aston

University (2008-2014)

MSc Biotechnology, Northumbria University (2008-

2014)

1 DSc, **15** PhD's, 3MSc. 1MPhil 10 PhD's, 4MSc's, 1MPhil

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

I am actively engaged in raising awareness of infectious disease to the general public through television and media. I am a Medical Microbiology expert for the Science Media Centre and deliver responses to a variety of newspapers on media coverage of infectious disease in National newspapers, local and national radio. I have featured in a number of press releases (Local and National) on research into essential oils, encapsulation technology and rapid diagnosis of microorganisms using MALDI-TOF-MS

As a consultant microbiologist I featured in all episodes of 'Embarrassing illnesses, Embarrassing Bodies' and still continue to be involved with other associated programmes. I have given responses to BBC News on public health issues associated with tuberculosis and retention of patients who do not comply with treatment.

I have delivered a number of lectures to local schools and colleges in the North West on behalf of MMU. Topics include: Sexual Health, Infectious Diseases and MRSA-the superbug

POST GRADUATE SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE

Since completion of my own PhD in 1998 I have successfully supervised 19 post-graduate students,

MPhil PhD PhD PhD	Protozoal infections in AIDS patients (1999) Thawka Kyaw Characterisation of methicillin resistant <i>S. aureus</i> (2000) Jill Walker Toxic Shock Syndrome in UK burn centres (2002) Vahideh Khojashteh Non-culture detection of microorganisms from culture negative case of meningitis (2003) Caroline Corless
PhD	The effect of dressings on exotoxin production by Staphylococcus aureus (2004) Rachael Buck
MSc	Gancyclovir resistance in Cytomegalovirus (2005) John Marsh
PhD	Intact Cell MALDI-TOF-MS for the identification of medically important bacteria (2005) Carrina Keys
PhD	Multi-locus sequence typing of <i>N. meningitidis</i> and <i>S. pneumoniae</i> (2006) Andrew Birtles
MSc	The antimicrobial effect of essential oils (2006) (industrial funded) Emmanuel Adukwu
PhD	Proteome analysis of staphylococci using mass spectrometry (2008) Ingrid Ines
MSc	Epidemiology of Campylobacter sp in the North West (2008) Margaret Mathews

MSc	Epidemiology of fatal and non-fatal cases of group B Meningococci (2009) Tony Carr
PhD	Molecular Epidemiology of <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (2011) Sami-Al-Baba
PhD	Molecular characterisation of <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> (2011) Lynne Newbold
PhD	Epidemiology and Treatment of MRSA in Jeddah (2011) Rania Sultan
PhD	Nano-layered inorganic-organic hybrid materials for the controlled delivery of antimicrobials to protect against healthcare associated
	infections. (2012) Malcolm Allan Kinninmonth
PhD	Conventional and molecular approaches for bacterial identification and quantification in chronic wounds (2013) Monika Stuczen
MSc	The effect of silicone sheeting on the production of exoproteins by microorganisms (2014) Jade Yuk Mai Chan
PhD	Mesoporous silica nanoparticle incorporation of essential oils onto synthetic textiles for tailored antimicrobial activity. (2016) John Lillie

RESEARCH AND THIRD STREAM FUNDING OBTAINED (APPROX £1,000,000)

Source of	Amount	PI	CI	Project	Year
funding	£				
Smith and	1000	Υ		the effect of topical antimicrobial agents on	1996
Nephew				TSST-1 production.	
Healthcare					_
Lab M	5000	Υ		identification of bacteria using MALDI-TOF	1997
J&J / University studentship	31,500	Υ		the effect of dressings on growth and toxins	1998
Withington Burns Charity	7000	Υ		rapid typing of MRSA	1999
Quesnel Louis	2000	Υ		Investigation of product X	1999
Aztrazenaca	20,000		Y	investigating the drug 'Zoladex'	1999
Public Health	45,000		Υ	the development of multi-locus sequence	1999
Laboratory				typing	
Service (PHLS)					
PHLS	60,000		Υ	Proteome analysis of staphylococci	2001
PHLS	9600		Υ	MALDI-TOF-MS for identification of the	2001
				Genus Neisseria /sequencing of	
				oligonucleotides	
PHLS	16500		Υ	Consumables for 2 part-time students	2002
Micap PLC	8000	Υ		Antimicrobial action of essential oils	2003
Manchester	10,000		Υ	evaluating the potential of MALDI-TOF-MS in	2003
Victoria				the rapid detection of Vancomycin resistant	

University				staphylococci	
Society for	2100	Υ		Antimicrobial effects of garlic	2004
Applied Microbio					
Source of	Amount	PI	CI	Project	Year
funding	<u>£</u>				
Hospital	5000	Υ		Effect of essential oils on MRSA	2004
Infection Society					
Central	15,000		Υ	evaluating the potential of MALDI-TOF-MS in	2004
Manchester				identification of MRSA from clinical	
Trust				specimens	
NEAT Emerging	30,000		Υ	Comparison of SELDI-TOF and MALDI-TOF for	2004
Technology				identification of MRSA from clinical	
grant (NHS)				specimens	
DTI	225,000		Υ	Developing urinary catheters	2004
SFAM	5000	Υ		Overseas Development Award	2005
Scent	16000	Υ		Antimicrobial effect of essential oil vapours	2005
Technologies					
Smith and	16,500	Υ		The effect of silver dressings studentship	2006
Nephew					
Diabetes UK	98,000		Υ	Eradication of MRSA from diabetic leg ulcers	2007
grant				using maggots, biogun and silver dressings	
Scent	30,000	Υ		Antimicrobial effect of essential oil vapours	2008
Technologies					
EU grant	50000		Υ	Detection of bacteria using mass	2008
Wound Monitor				spectrometry	
EPSRC case	60,000		Υ	essential oils impregnated zeolites	2008
award					
Smith and	6500	Υ		Antimicrobial effect of Allevyn Ag dressing	2008
Nephew					
EPSRC	400,000		Υ	Bio-Info-Nano cross disciplinary grant	2009
SFAM	2100	У		Student into work grant	2009
Willaena	1000	Υ		Clostridium difficle studies	2009
sciences					
Microbiological	1200	У		Effectiveness of mouthwash	2009
Solutions					
Smith and	6500	У		Evaluation of silver dressings	2009
Nephew		•		-	
Covidien	1000	У		Microbiology Training course	2009
Medical Wire	7000	у		PhD student fees (external sponsorship)	2009
pfiezer	50000	у		Rapid ID of MRSA	2010
Smith and	7000	Y		Evaluation of silver dressings	2011
Nephew	, 500	•		Evaluation of shire areasings	2011
EU framework 7	30000		\/	Novel treatment of <i>C. difficile</i>	2011
		V	У	•	
Aspen	5000	Υ		Evaluation of Chitosan	2012

Beier	10000	У	Evaluation of Drawtex	2012
CiCa BioMedical	10000	У	New silver dressings	2013
SFAM	2500	У	Topical antimicrobial agents	2014

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