

Professor Howard Thomas

Professor Howard Thomas graduated BSc honours in physiology in 1966, honours in medicine Newcastle university in 1969, PhD in Medicine from Glasgow in 1974 and received the BSG Research Medal in 1984 for his work on orally induced immune tolerance to protein antigens.

From 1974 to 1987 he held a Wellcome Senior Clinical Research Fellowship and then a Professorship in Medicine under Dame Sheila Sherlock at the Royal Free Medical School. He was awarded the Royal College of Physicians Humphrey Davy Rolleston Lecture, Cohen Lectureship Israel, Australian Bushell lectureship, Hans Popper International Prize for Distinction in Hepatology, Ivanovsky Medal of Russian Academy of Science, Inaugural Ralph Wright Lectureship, Kowsar Award Iran, Sheila Sherlock Lectureship; was a member of EASL Scientific Committee, President of EASL London meeting, and received Lifetime Achievement awards of BSG and EASL. He is FRCP, FRCPath and a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Science.

From 1987 to 2011 he was Professor of Medicine at St Marys Medical School, later to become Imperial College School of Medicine. He was a Member and Chairman of the UK Gov Advisory Group on Hepatitis for 20 years, medical director of Skipton Fund and Caxton Trust, NICE CAG on CHB therapy, and the HCV Strategy Group. He was awarded the Imperial College Medal in 2011.

He has been on the council of the RCP and BSG, edited 4 editions of The Textbook 'Viral Hepatitis' and was founding editor and editor in chief of the Journal of Viral Hepatitis for 25 years. He has published over 500 scientific papers including: on molecular variants of hepatitis B, the first European controlled trials of Interferon in CHB and CHC, and studies of HCV in The CNS.

He is currently Chairman of Riotech an Imperial Biotechnology Spinout working on therapy of RNA viruses with modifiers of the innate immune response.