

Siamon Gordon appointed as CSIR fellow

South African expatriate and Glaxo Wellcome Professor of Pathology at the University of Oxford in the UK, Siamon Gordon, has been appointed as a CSIR Fellow. The appointment came shortly before Gordon gave a lecture on macrophages and their role in HIV and TB at the CSIR President's Lecture series.

Dr Thulani Dlamini, CSIR Interim Group Executive: Research and Development, said Gordon's reputation spoke for itself and his appointment as a Fellow was only natural. "We are delighted to be associated with a man of such stature."



Professor Siamon Gordon

"Gordon is also a Fellow of the Royal Society and an internationally-respected leader in immunology (macrophage role in infection and innate immunity). He has more than 500 publications in the form of peer-reviewed articles, reviews and books," said Dlamini.

He has served on editorial boards of several high impact journals for over 25 years and has acted as a referee and reviewer for a number of journals including *Nature*. He has also served as a grant reviewer for the Wellcome Trust, Medical Research Council, Inserm, Biotechnology and Biological Science Research Council and British Heart Foundation.

In addition to being a distinguished scientist, Gordon has also served as an academic administrator at the University of Oxford for over 30 years. He has served on several international scientific committees as an advisor for more than 25 years.

"Professor Gordon's network is extensive. He has collaborators in several countries across the five main continents, including Africa."

In terms of CSIR policy, Fellows can only be appointed by the President of the CSIR after due process has been followed.

The stature of a CSIR Fellow should be of such a high level both locally and internationally that the appointment cannot be disputed. A CSIR Fellow should be a recognised leader internationally in his/her field, and preferably also be recognised as such by scientists/engineers in other related or non-related fields.

Gordon's responsibilities as a Fellow will include enhancing the CSIR's image, primarily in terms of scientific engineering and technological excellence and the generation of high quality professional output, as well as participation in international and local conferences, workshops, technical committees and similar events.

Gordon's other responsibilities will include building and maintaining networks in his area of expertise, having foresight to shape and direct the technology of the CSIR. He will also be responsible for mentoring, coaching and contributing to transformation.

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