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Genomics, Ethics and the Law Health Services and Policy in a Genomic Era

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7.30pm Monday 7th June, 2010
The Wolfson Lecture Theatre, **Churchill College**, Storey's Way, Cambridge

About the Lecture:

This talk will focus on the issues of public health genomics and public policies. Dr Zimmern is especially interested in the relationship between clinical services and teaching and research, priority setting in the NHS, and the law and ethics of medicine. He is a believer in the importance of international leadership in public health genomics, and he personally leads the Foundation's work on the evaluation and regulation of genetic tests and molecular biomarkers.

"PHG Foundation grew out of the Public Health Genetics Unit, which was established with public funding in 1997 and pioneered the concepts of 'public health genomics' in the UK. Today we have an international reputation as leaders in the field, with connections in the health, research and policy communities in the UK, Europe, North America, the Far East and Australasia. In May 2007 we launched the Foundation as an independent not-for-profit research and development organisation, dedicated to making biomedical science work for health in populations around the world."

(From the website of the PHG Foundation)

About the speaker

Dr Ron Zimmern has a distinguished career in medicine and public health and is the pioneer of public health genomics in the UK.

Ron Zimmern is Chairman of the Foundation for Genomics and Population Health, the successor to the Public Health Genetics Unit which he established in Cambridge in June 1997. He graduated in 1971 following his medical training at Trinity College, Cambridge and the Middlesex Hospital, London. After specialising in neurology he obtained a law degree and entered public health medicine in 1983. He was Director of Public Health for Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Authority from 1991 to 1998. He is also an Associate Lecturer at the University of Cambridge and an Honorary Consultant in Public Health Medicine at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

His special interests and expertise, in addition to Public Health Genomics, include strategic planning, the relationship between clinical services and teaching and research, priority setting in the NHS, and the law and ethics of medicine.

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I apologise that this flyer lacks our normal degree of detail about the lecture. Our speaker is out of the country at present, and has not been able to provide us with the usual background material. Suffice it to say, however, that the lecture will be based on Dr Zimmern's work in recent years with the PHG Foundation, which he formed in Cambridge some ten years ago.

This is our last lecture of the academic year. I would like to thank all our members for their loyalty, and for being such a lovely audience. We are busy putting together the lectures for next year's programme, and I and the CSAR Council look forward to seeing you all again in October.

Meanwhile, don't forget our **outing to Wicken Fen, on 16th June**; register your interest with **Sue Gurney**, our Visits Organiser: tel: 01954 201948 or email: smrw2@cam.ac.uk

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be available in the Foyer outside the Wolfson, as usual.

Best Regards
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Organising Secretary

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