Sir Iain Chalmers

'People should be angry about the extent to which their money is being wasted by the research community'

The second annual ScHARR Pemberton Lecture, part of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Lecture Series

Monday, 10 September 2012 at 17:00 in The Students Union Auditorium, The University of Sheffield

A wine reception will follow the lecture

Registration

Free admission by ticket only
Please confirm your attendance for the lecture and reception using the on-line registration form available at http://www.shef.ac.uk/scharr/research/events/chalmersform Further details from Kirsty Woodhead, Personal Assistant to the Dean of ScHARR: k.woodhead@sheffield.ac.uk Tel: 0114 222 5453 or Pat Holmes: s.p.holmes@sheffield.ac.uk Tel: 0114 2220741
Sir Iain Chalmers, Coordinator, James Lind Initiative

Iain Chalmers qualified in medicine in the mid-1960s. He practised as a clinician for seven years in the UK and the Gaza Strip, and then became a full time health services researcher, with a particular interest in assessing the effects of health care. Between 1978 and 1992 he was founding director of the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit (www.npeu.ox.ac.uk). Between 1992 and 2002 he was founding director of the UK Cochrane Centre, which convened the meeting that inaugurated the Cochrane Collaboration (www.cochrane.org). Since 2003, Iain Chalmers has coordinated the James Lind Initiative, a programme of work to promote public and professional acknowledgement of uncertainties about the effects of healthcare interventions, and research to address them. Iain Chalmers was knighted for services to healthcare in 2000.

Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health

The Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health is a multi-disciplinary health sciences Faculty at the forefront of discovery and improvements in healthcare. Originating from the early Medical School in 1828, the Faculty now combines a broad range of clinical, scientific and healthcare expertise, dedicated to responding to national and global needs in human health and patient care. With 9 departments and 700 staff, spanning the spectrum of biomedical science, translational research, therapy and policy, the Faculty applies inter-disciplinary approaches to major diseases and health issues to create life-changing impact on society.

SchARR’s second Pemberton Lecture will also be the second of the Faculty’s series of lectures.

For more information visit: http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/faculty/medicine-dentistry-health/

SchARR

One of the 9 departments in the Faculty, SchARR brings together a wide range of health related skills.

The School employs about 300 multidisciplinary staff from disciplines such as Health Economics, Operational Research, Sociology, Medical Statistics, Nursing, Psychology and Information Science. It also has clinical skills in Public Health; Emergency Medicine; Rehabilitation and Mental Health and houses the NIHR Research Design Service for Yorkshire & the Humber and the Clinical Trials Research Unit.

SchARR conducts applied and methodological health services research and the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) confirmed it as the UK’s most powerful department for HSR, with the largest volume of activity assessed as either world-leading or internationally excellent among institutions returned to the HSR panel. The RAE panel recognised the esteem in which the School is held globally for excellence in health services research and evaluated the research environment as predominantly world-leading or internationally excellent.

For more information visit: www.shef.ac.uk/scharr

Pemberton Lectures

The Pemberton lectures are in honour of Professor John Pemberton a much esteemed colleague of several in SchARR who died in 2010 aged 97.

In 1933 whilst a medical student at University College London, John Pemberton and some fellow students organised first aid and relief for the Jarrow Hunger Marchers. Concerned by their condition he wrote an article on “Malnutrition in England” linking malnutrition to the level of unemployment benefits, and thus started a career and lifelong concern for social medicine and public health.

After completion of his medical training, John Pemberton worked from 1937 to 1939 with Sir John Boyd Orr on a nutrition survey of some 5000 British children. The original records, now the Boyd Orr cohort, are still being used today to investigate associations of childhood diet and health with adult chronic diseases.

In 1941 he started work as a medical tutor in the University of Sheffield Medical School working on vitamin deficiency with Professor Sir Hans Krebs (Nobel Prize for Medicine/Physiology, 1953). Whilst working at Harvard during 1954 – 1955, John Pemberton met Harold Willard, and together they started a club that later became the International Epidemiological Association. Two years later he helped found the Society for Social Medicine.

Professor John Pemberton, MB BS (London), MD (London), FRCP, DPH, FFPH. Professor and Head of the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine at Queen’s University, Belfast (1958 - 1976); Medical Tutor (1941), Senior Lecturer (1946) and Reader (1955) in Social Medicine in the University of Sheffield. Honorary Lecturer in Public Health Medicine, University of Sheffield (1985).