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Professor A. M. Davison

Sandy Davison, one of the UK's best known nephrologists and a Senior Lecturer in Leeds, has been appointed to a personal Chair in Nephrology by the University of Leeds. Sandy's medical training took place in Scotland where he was a distinguished student and graduated in Edinburgh in 1966. He came into contact with nephrology soon afterwards as a house surgeon in the Department of Sir Michael Woodruff who was a pioneer in the field of renal transplantation. After post-graduate training in Edinburgh he began his long association with Leeds following his appointment as a consultant nephrologist to St James' University Hospital in 1974. During the succeeding years Sandy has played a leading role in the development of the St James' unit into one of the UK's major clinical and academic nephrology departments. Sandy Davison's interests range across the spectrum of nephrology but it is especially in the subjects of glomerulonephritis and acute renal failure that he has built a reputation and he has lectured around the world on these and other topics.

It is however as a journal and textbook editor that Sandy is best known, particularly within the European Renal Association. After editing the EDTA Proceedings from 1981 to 1984, he played a leading role in establishing Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation and was Editor for the first 8 years, during which time the journal developed its high reputation. Since handing over the editorship of Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation Sandy has put his skills to good use as senior editor of the second edition of the Oxford Textbook of Clinical Nephrology. Finally his long association with ERA entered a new phase with his election as a Council Member at the recent Congress in Amsterdam. The appointment to this chair not only recognizes his contribution to UK medicine but also his role in European nephrology, of which much has been through the activities of the ERA.

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