

# The Society for Ethics And Law in Medicine



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

**The ageing brain: its social, ethical, clinical and  
legal consequences**

Venue: Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, London W1B 1NT

## Programme

- 09:30 – 09:50 Registration & refreshments
- 09:50 – 09:55 Introduction to the day  
*Professor Peter Hutton*
- 09:55 – 10:30 Societal and health challenges across Europe  
*Dr Mary Baker, President European Brain Council*
- 10:30 – 11:05 Ethical Problems in caring clinically for the dementing brain  
*Professor Rowan Harwood, Nottingham*
- 11:05 Coffee Break
- 11:20 – 11:55 Evolving attitudes to ageing – contrasting medical views since the  
eighteenth century  
*Helen Yallop*
- 11:55 – 12.30 Brain ageing and common legal decisions  
*Ms Julia Abrey of Withers LLP*
- 12:30 Lunch (including AGM)

## Endowed Lecture

- 13:45 – 14:25 Ethical approaches to a dementing society  
*Göran Hermerén: Professor of Medical Ethics at the Faculty of Medicine,  
Lund University, Sweden and President & Head, European Commission  
Group on Ethics, Brussels*

## The Duty of Candour – What it means in reality for the ageing brain

- 14:30 – 15:00 Legal implications and dilemmas in dealing with the duty of candour  
*Mr Tom Kark QC; Senior Counsel to the Mid Staffs Public Inquiry, and QEB  
Hollis Whiteman Chambers*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Clinical implications and dilemmas in dealing with the duty of candour  
*Professor P Hutton; Consultant Anaesthetist and Independent Consultant  
Adviser to the Mid Staffs Public Inquiry.*

**DISCUSSION & CLOSE**

## Meeting charges

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Trainee Lawyers	£90.00	£140.00
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## **Speaker Biographies**

### **Dr. Mary Baker**

is President of the EBC, Past President of the European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA), Past President of the European Parkinson's Disease Association (EPDA), a consultant to the WHO and Chair of their Working Group on Parkinson's Disease. She serves on the Innovative Medicines Initiative Scientific Committee, the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry's (ABPI) Code of Practice, and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) Management Board. She is Director at Large for the World Stroke Association and Chair of the British Medical Journal's Patient Advisory Group.

### **Professor Rowan Harwood**

Consultant Physician, Professor of geriatric medicine at Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust. Professor Rowan Harwood was educated at Cambridge and Oxford, and trained in general medicine in Leicester and Nottingham. He moved to London as Shah Ebrahim's lecturer, where he developed an interest in stroke, institutional care and health status measurement. Courtesy of an MRC Health Services Research Training Fellowship, he undertook an MSc in epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene, and moved to the Royal Free to complete work on the London Handicap Scale. He moved back to Nottingham, as lecturer, to complete higher specialist training, and to an NHS consultant post in 1996. Professor Harwood is an active educator, at all levels and for various professional disciplines, and has served as a Foundation Programme director. He was made a special professor in geriatric medicine at the University of Nottingham in 2006.

### **Professor Martin Rosser**

Professor Rosser trained in Neurology at the National Hospital, Queen Square and undertook research into the neurochemistry of degenerative disease at the MRC neurochemical pharmacology unit in Cambridge. He directs the Dementia Research Centre at the Institute of Neurology. He established a specialist cognitive disorders clinic which acts as a tertiary referral service for young onset and rare dementias. Clinical research interests are in neurodegenerative disease and particularly in familial disease. He is honorary consultant neurologist at St Mary's Hospital and at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery where he is also Chairman of the Division of Neurology. He is Director of the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network for Dementias and Neurodegenerative Diseases (DeNDRoN) and President elect of the Association of British Neurologists.

### **Ms Julia Abrey**

Julia's practice focuses on Probate, Succession and Post-Death Planning, Trust Management and Contentious Probate issues. She has a particular interest in Elder Law and the Court of Protection.

She was winner of the 'Elder Client Law Professional of the Year' award at the STEP Private Client Awards 2009. Julia is a contributor to Sweet & Maxwell's Practical Will Precedents, the Living Wills Section of Volume 42 of Butterworths Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents and the Law Society's Elderly Client Handbook. She is a consultant editor and contributor of Tolley's Finance and Law for the Older Client and on the editorial board of Elder Law Journal (Jordans). Julia is a regular speaker at conferences on Elderly Client issues.

### **Memberships**

- Member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Council
- Solicitors for the Elderly - Past Chair

- Member of National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Inc. (USA)
- All-Party Parliamentary Group on Dementia
- Chair of the STEP Mental Capacity Special Interest Group
- Past chair STEP England and Wales Regional Committee and member Development Committee
  - Member of Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists

### **Professor Göran Hermerén**

Göran Hermerén is President & Head, European Commission Group on Ethics, Brussels and has been Professor of Medical Ethics at the Faculty of Medicine, Lund University, Sweden, since 1991. He has also held the position of Professor of Philosophy, Lund University, since 1975 and he was Professor of Philosophy of Science and Humanities, Umeå University from 1970-75. He is co-ordinator of the EU-funded research project Europriorities and is involved in several other EU-funded projects. He has published and edited books on research ethics as well as papers on ethical problems (mainly medical ethics) in international periodicals. Current research and teaching interests include ethical aspects of gene testing and stem cell research.