

## Conferment of the Honorary Doctor of Medicine upon Professor Chris Stephens

Prof Chris Stephens is the Associate Dean (Education and Student Experience) in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton. The son of a stained glass artist, Chris read medicine at Guys in London. Upon graduation in 1979, he undertook house jobs at Pembury in Kent and at Guys, following which he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and worked in the UK, Hong Kong and West Germany. During his stint with the army, Chris undertook General Practitioner training.

Chris obtained his Membership in the Royal College of General Practitioners in 1983, the Diploma in Child Health from the Royal College of Physicians in 1984 and the Diploma in Obstetrics and Gynaecology from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 1985.

When he left the army, he joined a group practice in Southampton which also serves as a training centre for doctors training to be general practitioners. In 1990, Chris was appointed as a GP trainer. In 1999, he moved to full time University employment at University of Southampton but continued to undertake two clinical sessions each week. In 2000, Chris obtained his Master in Education and in 2006, he was promoted to the University's Director of Education.

Chris is a Fellow of several professional organisations including the Royal College of General Practitioners, the Higher Education Academy, the Chartered Institute of Management and the Academy of Medical Educators.

In his current role as Associate Dean for the Faculty of Medicine, he has responsibility for leading the development and implementation of Faculty educational strategies, student recruitment, educational innovation, quality assurance and enhancing student experience.

In recognition of his expertise, Chris has been appointed as a consultant to advise medical schools in Brunei, Malaysia and Sri Lanka. He also worked with the senior teams of six medical schools in Kazakhstan to help them develop their educational leadership capacity. In 2003, he was appointed as a General Medical Council visitor and is part of a team assessing the quality of undergraduate medical education.

Chris has been associated with IMU for many years. He was the representative of University of Southampton at the Academic Council since 2002. Chris was also the Deputy Chair of Academic Council from 2010 to 2012 and then Chair of Academic Council from 2013 to 2015. During his long association with IMU, Chris has contributed very significantly to IMU's growth and development.

Chris is married to Jill and they have 3 daughters, Charlotte, Lucy and Lucynda and 2 grandchildren with a third due in August. His hobbies include photography, travelling and art.

