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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I believe that you are suffering from what is called fatty degeneration of the heart...is my duty to tell you that death from this disease is often sudden."

George Eliot

Middlemarch

FIRST WOMEN AWARDS



Professor Yvonne Carter, Dean of Warwick Medical School, at the University of Warwick, has won the national Science Award at this year's CBI Real Business First Women Awards ceremony which took place on Wednesday 7 June 2006 at the London Hilton on Park Lane.

The awards recognise women who are trailblazers and pioneers in business - genuine 'glass ceiling' breakers. They also recognise women whose achievements or 'firsts' and individual actions have helped, or are helping, to remove barriers and open up opportunities for others to follow.

As Dean of Warwick Medical School, Yvonne has made her mark on what remains an essentially male preserve. She is only the second female dean of a UK medical school, the first dean to have a background in academic general practice and one of the youngest members of the Council of Heads of Medical Schools. She is responsible for an operation of considerable size and complexity, managing a devolved budget of around £20 million and acting as academic lead for some 260 staff, 630 medical students and over 2000 postgraduate students.

Sir Digby Jones, Director-General, CBI and chair of the judging panel said:

"I want women to feel that every rung on every ladder is within their reach in the world of business. It is vital that schools drive ambition and nurture aspiration in young girls, and make it absolutely clear that any dizzying height is attainable - but it is also business' responsibility to recognise and celebrate the talents that women are bringing to the boardroom. That is what these awards are all about."

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WELCOME AND GOODBYE

LEAVERS

Good luck and best wishes to:

Dean's Office

Mrs Monica Garbutt
Mrs Margaret McCarthy
Mrs Jurgita Walford

HSRI

Miss Ruth Fishwick
Mrs Ursula Edgington
Dr Camelia Arsene
Dr Caroline Vautier

CSRI

Mr Yune Ng Kee Kwong

Miss Nicola Price

Dr Paul Royle

Dr Stevene Creely Miss Syma Khatun

ICE

Miss Caroline Whittaker

Mrs Julie Frost

Dr Jo Piercy

STARTERS

Welcome to:

Dean's Office

Ms Samita Bawa Mrs Beena Sudiwala Mrs Jeanette Preedy Mrs Sally Byrne

CSRI

Mr Chen Ji Mrs Jean Boston Dr Juul Achten Dr Saverio Stranges

HSRI

Dr Hilary Hearnshaw
Miss Sarah Pemberton
Mrs Wendy Robertson
Dr Zoebia Islam
Miss Susannah Deakin
Dr Sarah Duggan

Prof Dieter Wolke

ICE

Mr James Royle
Dr David Davies

POSTS AVAILABLE

Senior Clinical Lecturer in Public Health (closes 3.10.06)

Details of other posts can be found at: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/person nel/jobsintro/

Supervision of Research Degree Students

It is a policy of WMS and is good practice that any member of academic staff who supervises research degree students should attend a formal training session at least once in every five years. As part of quality monitoring we keep a record of all supervisors with the date of their most recent training session. Even if you are an experienced supervisor, a lot of things have changed recently and your students may be missing out if you haven't updated your information. All probationary staff are required to attend such training as a condition of their probation.

We are going to be running a training afternoon for people who currently supervise research degree students or who think they may do so at some time in the future. This will take place on:

Wednesday 8th November 2006 from 12.00 noon until 4.30pm in room B-053 in the Medical School Building.

Please will you let Samantha Plumb know (s.plumb@warwick.ac.uk) if you intend to attend this session? Those of you who have already signed up do not need to contact Sam again.

INTRODUCTION TO...

Mick Padfield



Position: Receptionist / Clerical Assistant

This entails:

Being at the front of house, meeting and greeting people.

Assisting with the clerical side of the Medical Course

Being an agony uncle to approximately 600 students (bless their little cotton socks)

Who do you admire and why?

There are many people I admire: the one that stands out is David Attenborough. He has given the biggest part of his life to educating people

about the environment and the ecology of our planet

What do you never leave the house without?

Apart from the wife my Camera

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Stubborn, reliable, amusing

What is your proudest moment?

I have been fortunate to have had many proud moments in my life, but I would say the best will be sometime this December when our daughter (Emma Withers) will give birth to our first grandchild. Hopefully not on Christmas Day.

What do you do to relax?

There are a couple of things I do for this, Watch the Medics Rugby Team or go out and about in the countryside with my Camera, and always with a flask of coffee.

What are you currently working on?

I Will be starting my Lifelong Learning Course on Ecology at the University in October

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or ext: 74041

YOUR INTRODUCTION

If you would like to appear in an edition of UNITES please answer the following set of questions and email it along with your contact details and a photo to Liz Winborn:

Position:

This entails:

Who do you admire and why?

What do you never leave the house without?

What three words would your E.A.Winborn@warwick.ac.uk friends use to describe you?

What is your proudest moment?

What do you do to relax?

What are you currently working on?

Can be contacted by:

LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION EVENTS

The Leadership Series is a programme of one-day workshops to give senior academics and managers a short and focussed introduction to a series of subjects essential to effective leadership. Each workshop is stand alone, and provides an introduction to the key skills and knowledge that underpin important capabilities such as strategy, finance, personal influence and change leadership. Participants will take away practical tools and techniques they can put to immediate use as well as an overview of the evidence-base and latest ideas shaping the subject.

There are nine different subjects and it will be hosted in London, Edinburgh and Cardiff. The 2006/7 programme can be found on the Leadership Foundation website www.lfhe.ac.uk/support/leadership. The cost of each workshop, which needs to be met from departmental budgets is £325, therefore if you do decide to attend any of the workshops please liaise with your Institute Director.

To arrange attendance you should then contact Bob Thomson <u>bob.thomson@warwick.ac.uk</u> (ext. 75762, Centre of Academic Practice).

WMS STUDENTS PUBLISH BOOK

Two WMS MBChB graduates have had their book published. Now FY1s, Shahed Yousaf at Birmingham Children's Hospital and Mubeen Chaudhry doing cardiology at George Eliot have published; **Mnemonics for Medical Undergraduates** (*ISBN:* 1904627889)

The book provides a comprehensive selection of mnemonics covering all aspects of the undergraduate syllabus. Mnemonics enable you to learn and memorise a large amount of information in a short amount of time, enhancing your recall whilst in exams or on the wards. The mnemonics are grouped by system, so you can easily focus on the areas that you find most difficult, and comprehensively cover conditions, medications, clinical chemistry and haematology

FIRST MBCHB STUDENT PUBLICATION FOR LANCET

Robert Scully has had published a correspondence article based on work he prepared to attend the 12th International Ottawa Conference on Clinical Competence - 2006 held in New York City. Researching Minority Groups, published in Volume 368, August 12th 2006.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations go to the following staff for their service to the university, Christopher Parkin (5 years), Therese Lepicard (5 years), Allison Cowling (5 years)

NLH DIABETES SPECIALIST LIBRARY

Digital retinal screening programmes for the detection of diabetic retinopathy are being rolled out across the UK, to fulfil the diabetes NSF requirement that 80% of patients with diabetes will have been offered retinal screening by April 2006 and 100% by the end of 2007. The National Library for Health's (NLH's) Diabetes Specialist Library has therefore carried out a systematic up-to-date review of the literature for this very important area of interest for all health-care professionals involved in diabetes care.

www.library.nhs.uk/diabetes is run from WMS and led by Dr Rodger Gadsby. It is a unique online resource developed to support busy health professionals find the diabetes information they need to keep up-to-date. The Library is one of over 20 specialist libraries developed as part of the National Library for Health (NLH), which is funded by the NHS.