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Stephen MacMahon is Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Epidemiology at the University of Sydney and Honorary Consultant Epidemiologist at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney. He holds Honorary Professorships at the Peking University Health Science Center and the University of Auckland Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association, and the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand. Prior to The George Institute, Stephen was Director of the Clinical Trials Research Unit at the University of Auckland, where he also held appointments as Associate Professor of Medicine and Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacology.

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Anushka Patel is Director of the Cardiovascular Division at The George Institute for International Health, as Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Sydney and a Staff Specialist in the Department of Cardiology at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Anushka completed her undergraduate medical training at the University of Queensland before undergoing and her training in cardiology (leading to Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of Physicians). She has a Master of Science degree in Epidemiology from Harvard University, and a PhD in Medicine from the University of Sydney. Anushka also currently holds a five year National Heart Foundation of Australia Career Fellowship.

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Simon Heller - Management Committee Member



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Simon Heller is Professor of Clinical Diabetes at the University of Sheffield and Director of Research and Development and Honorary Consultant Physician in Diabetes at the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust, UK. He received his clinical diabetes training at Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham and his research training at the University of Nottingham and Washington University, St Louis, USA.

His current research interests include the physiological responses to hypoglycaemia and hypoglycaemia unawareness, pathophysiological mechanisms of sudden death in type 1 diabetes and developing interventions to encourage more effective diabetes self-management. He was Editor in Chief of Diabetic Medicine between 2000 and 2004.



Bruce Neal - Management Committee Member



Senior Director, Research and Development, The George Institute for International Health, Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine, The University of Sydney, Australia

Bruce Neal is a Senior Director, Research and Development at The George Institute for International Health, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney, Heart Foundation Career Development Fellow and an Honorary Consultant Epidemiologist at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Bruce completed his medical training at Bristol University in the UK in 1990 and spent four years in clinical posts during which time he gained membership of the UK Royal College of Physicians. Prior to taking up his current post in 1999, he spent four years working as an epidemiologist at the Clinical Trials Research Unit in Auckland, New Zealand, where he completed his PhD in Medicine.

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Michel Marre



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Michel Marre is currently Head of Endocrinology, Diabetology and Metabolic Disorders Department, Bichat-Claude Bernard Hospital and Director of the INSERM Research Unit U695 where he focuses on genetic determinants of type 2 diabetes and its vascular complications.

He completed his undergraduate medical training at Broussais Medical School, Paris. From 1983 to 1987, Professor Marre's special areas of interest included clinical studies on kidney function, hypertension and the use of ACE inhibitors in diabetic patients. From 1987 onwards, he pursued clinical studies in the same area as head of Diabetes Unit at the Angers University Hospital, and later as Head of the Diabetes Department in Bichat Hospital, Paris. From 1994, his principal topic of interest dealt with the genetic factors influencing nephropathy in type 1 diabetes.

Professor Marre is a member of ALFEDIAM (Association de Langue Française pour l'Etude du DIABète et des maladies Métaboliques), EASD (European Association for the Study of Diabetes), ADA (American Diabetes Association), Société Française d'Endocrinologie, Société Française d'Hypertension Artérielle and ESH (European Society of Hypertension).



Mark Cooper

*Director, Danielle Alberti Centre for Diabetes Complications
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Mark Cooper has recently been appointed Professor of Medicine and Honorary Professor of Pathology & Immunology at Monash University, Australia. He remains a Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Austin & Repatriation Medical Centre attached to the University of Melbourne. In 2002, Professor Cooper transferred with his group to a newly created Department at the Baker Heart Research Institute where he set up the Danielle Alberti Memorial Centre for Diabetes Complications. Subsequently he was appointed head of the newly created Vascular Division which also encompasses peptide biology, vascular biology and vascular physiology.

He had been a senior endocrinologist in the Endocrine Unit at the Austin & Repatriation Medical Centre for over 10 years and more recently has transferred to the Alfred Hospital where he holds a similar appointment. Professor Cooper studied medicine at the University of Melbourne and then completed his training at the Austin Hospital.

In 1999, Professor Cooper was awarded the Eric Susman prize from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians for his research in the field of renal and vascular complications of diabetes. In 2005, he was awarded the Australian Diabetes Society (ADS) Kellion Award for outstanding contribution to diabetes research in Australia. Furthermore, in 1999, he was awarded a large international grant from the JDFI which led to the establishment of a Centre for Diabetic Complications under his direction.

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David Matthews



Professor of Diabetes Medicine, University of Oxford, UK

Chairman of the Oxford Centre for Diabetes Endocrinology & Metabolism

David Matthews is currently Professor of Diabetes Medicine, University of Oxford, Consultant Physician, Oxford Radcliffe Hospital NHS trust and Chairman of the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism and he is Medical Tutor at Harris Manchester College, Oxford. He divides his time between patient care, research and teaching.

His academic research interests include mathematical modelling of insulin resistance, homeostatic model assessment of beta-cell function and insulin resistance, ketones, therapeutic agents in type 2 diabetes and the global obesity/diabetes epidemic. He is the deputy co-ordinator of the UK Prospective Study of Diabetes (UKPD) and Associate Director of the UK Diabetes Research Network. He has authored more than 200 publications and is on the editorial boards of several professional journals.

Recently, Professor Matthews has set up a web site of diabetes experiences (www.diabetes-stories.com).