



Charité Berlin World Health Summit

Curriculum Vitae | Steve Wesselingh

Prof. Dr. Steve Wesselingh, BMBS, PhD, FRACP

President-designate World Health Summit 2011

Dean; Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences;

Monash University; Melbourne

Professor Steve Wesselingh was appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University in 2007. As head of the largest healthcare faculty in Australia at the largest university in Australia, Professor Wesselingh leads an organisation with over 4000 staff and 10,170 students at campuses on three continents, and with a research profile comparable with any Australian university.

A virologist by training, Professor Wesselingh is well known beyond academic and medical circles due to his previous role as director of the Macfarlane Burnet Institute for medical research and public health. He has published over 145 papers in a number of fields, but has a particular interest in HIV-related research.

Under Professor Wesselingh's leadership, Monash University has pursued an agenda of seamlessly integrating expertise in biomedical and public health research into the clinical environment. Early in his own career as a physician, Professor Wesselingh was shaped by his experiences as Medical Registrar of Goroka Base Hospital in Papua New Guinea, where he was influenced by pioneering researchers such as Professor Michael Alpers in the study of diseases affecting the indigenous population from cultural, behavioural, clinical, epidemiological and biomedical perspectives.

In 1991 Professor Wesselingh was awarded a Neil Hamilton Fairley Fellowship by Australia's National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to study the neuroimmunology of HIV at Johns Hopkins University in the United States. Following his fellowship he accepted a position on faculty.

Professor Wesselingh provides advice and guidance to a number of organisations as a director and council/board member, including the Mental Health Research Institute, Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Research Institute and Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. Since 2002, he has been Deputy Director of the Australian Centre for HIV and Hepatitis Research. Professor Wesselingh is also a member of the board of management at ANEX Inc., an organisation committed to ensuring that individuals and communities enjoy good health and well-being, free from drug-related harm.

Personal Data

Married with four children

Medical School

Medical graduate of Flinders University, South Australia 1981

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Current Position

- Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences; Monash University, Melbourne (since 2007)

Previous Senior Positions (inter alia)

- Director; Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health Ltd; Melbourne
- Professor of Microbiology and Medicine; Monash University, Melbourne
- Professorial Fellow; Department of Microbiology and Immunology; The University of Melbourne
- Professor and Director of Infectious Diseases; The Alfred Hospital and Monash University; Melbourne
- Senior Lecturer; Department of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Flinders University; Adelaide
- Senior Infectious Diseases Consultant; Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide
- Assistant Professor; Department of Neurology; Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore