

3rd IARC Cancer and Society Lecture (5 February 2015)

Thursday 5 February 2015 at 10:15 a.m. (Auditorium)

W. Philip T. James, CBE, MD, DSc
Honorary Professor of Nutrition,
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)

"Cancer prevention: the challenge of dietary change and obesity"

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| 10:15-10:30 | Introduction
Dr Christopher P. Wild, IARC Director |
| 10:30-11:15 | 3rd IARC Cancer and Society Lecture
Professor W. Philip T. James, LSHTM |
| 11:15-12:00 | Questions session |
| 12:00 | Presentation of an IARC Certificate and souvenir |

Biosketch

Philip James trained in science and medicine at University College, London, and then with the Medical Research Council (MRC) in Jamaica and, as a Wellcome Trust Fellow, at Harvard before organizing public health/nutrition teaching at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He then became Director first of the MRC Dunn Clinical Nutrition Centre in Cambridge and later of the Rowett Research Institute in Scotland. He organized/chaired and wrote the first UK and WHO reports on modern nutrition approaches to malnutrition and the noncommunicable diseases and obesity. He helped establish the World Cancer Research Fund in the UK and served on all three of their panels. He also established and chaired the International Obesity Task Force, organized the first WHO global burden analysis of obesity, the UN Millennium Report on Nutrition for the UN Secretary General and established the World Obesity Federation (formerly IASO) as the global science, treatment and policy obesity NGO of which he was President from 2007-2014. He also devised for Tony Blair, then UK Prime Minister, the UK Food Standards Agency and advised EU President Jacques Delors on establishing the Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection (DG-SANCO) in Brussels before developing the EU global analyses and policies for coping with the tissue and geographical risk evaluations of bovine spongiform encephalopathy. He is now the chief advisor on nutritional aspects of public health initiatives for the WHO Eastern Mediterranean and European Regions, covering 75 countries.