

International Agency for Research on Cancer



Everyone at IARC is welcome and encouraged to attend the:

2nd IARC Cancer and Society Lecture
Tuesday 4 February 2014 at 4 p.m. (Auditorium)

Professor Sir Michael G. Marmot
Director, University College London Institute of Health Equity

"Fair society, healthy lives"

4:00-4:10	Introduction Dr Christopher P. Wild, IARC Director
4:10-4:50	2 nd IARC Cancer and Society Lecture Professor Sir Michael G. Marmot, UCL/IHE Director
4:50-5:00	Questions session
5:00	Presentation of an IARC Certificate and souvenir

Abstract

Indicators of overall population health and the distribution of health tell us much about how well a society is doing. The WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health advocated for action on the wider social, economic, political, and cultural determinants of health in order to improve population health and reduce health inequalities. Sir Michael will discuss learning from the Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England (Marmot Review) and the recently published Review of Social Determinants and the Health Divide in the European Region and how it can be applied in different contexts nationally and locally to build fairer and healthier societies.

Biography

Sir Michael Marmot has led research groups on health inequalities for over 35 years. He was Chair of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health (CSDH), which was set up by the World Health Organization in 2005, and produced the report entitled: '*Closing the Gap in a Generation*' in August 2008. At the request of the British Government, he conducted a Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England post 2010, which published its report '*Fair Society, Healthy Lives*' in February 2010. This was followed by the European Review of Social Determinants of Health and the Health Divide, for WHO Euro. He chaired the Breast Screening Review for the NHS National Cancer Action Team and is a member of The Lancet-University of Oslo Commission on Global Governance for Health. He is a Principal Investigator of the Whitehall II Studies of British Civil Servants, investigating explanations for the striking inverse social gradient in morbidity and mortality. He leads the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA) and is engaged in several international research efforts on the social determinants of health. He served as President of the British Medical Association (BMA) in 2010-2011, and is the new President of the British Lung Foundation. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, an Honorary Fellow of the British Academy, and an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians. He was a member of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution for six years and in 2000 he was knighted by Her Majesty The Queen, for services to epidemiology and the understanding of health inequalities. Internationally acclaimed, Professor Marmot is a Foreign Associate Member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM), and a former Vice President of the Academia Europaea. He won the Balzan Prize for Epidemiology in 2004, gave the Harveian Oration in 2006, and won the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research in 2008.

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