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About

Michael Sheppard took up the post of Provost and Vice-Principal on 1 October 2008. As a member of the Executive Board he provides the leadership necessary to deliver the University Strategy. At the operational level he works closely with the Directors of Finance, Human Resources and Planning and the 5 Heads of Colleges in advancing and implementing the annual and three year plans for the University. At the strategic level he works closely with the Registrar and Secretary as well as the Directors of the Corporate Services to develop and deliver our strategic plan.

Among others, Michael chairs the International Board, the Budget Review Group and is a member of the Strategy, Planning and Resources Committee, Senate and a range of other University Committees.

Biography

Michael graduated from the University of Cape Town with MB ChB (Hons), and was later awarded a PhD in Endocrinology. His career at Birmingham began in 1982, when he was appointed as a Wellcome Trust Senior Lecturer in the Medical School. He then subsequently held the roles of the William Withering Professor of Medicine, Head of the Division of Medical Sciences, Dean of the Medical School, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

Research

Michael's main clinical and research interests are in the epidemiology and management of pituitary disorders and thyroid diseases. He holds honorary consultant status at the University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust and is a Non-Executive Director of the same Trust.

Michael has published over 230 papers in peer reviewed journals and has lectured at national and international meetings, particularly the UK, Europe and the USA Endocrine Societies. He has been a visiting Professor to a number of centres in Europe, the USA, Australia and South Africa.

Michael is Chair of the Board of Bioscientifica and past President of the Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland. His national and international responsibilities have included Non-Executive Directorship of Birmingham Children's Hospital Foundation Trust, Council member and Chair Clinical Committee of the UK Society for Endocrinology, past Royal College of Physicians Censor and member Clinical Excellence Awards Advisory Committee; member of the Executive Committee of the European Society of Endocrinology; Board Chair of European Journal of Endocrinology; Executive Committee member of European Society for Endocrinology; International Society for Endocrinology; Visiting Professor in USA, Australia, Central Europe and South Africa; WHO Adviser.

He is a founder fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, has been a Council Member, Censor and Lumleian Lecturer at the Royal College of Physicians, and is past President of the Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland.