

Professional Influence | Committees, Consultancies & WHO Positions

In addition to his professional appointment at the Institute of Psychiatry, Professor Griffith Edwards held the following positions:

Examiner

Previously examiner and Chairman of Board of Examiners for Conjoint DPM.

Previously examiner for Royal College of Psychiatrists (MRC Psych).

Chairman of Examination Board, Diploma in Addiction Behaviour, 1986-1993.

Examination of doctoral theses for universities in the U.K. and abroad.

Contributions to Postgraduate Education on Addiction

Director of studies for one year course leading to Diploma in Addiction Behaviour, 1986-1994.

Designed course leading to MSc in Clinical and Public Health Aspects of Addiction (University of London), first intake 1994. Continuing as teacher on this course.

Membership of Committees

Member of Home Office Working Party on the Treatment of the Chronic Drunkenness Offender within the Penal System, 1967-1970.

Secretary to Medical Research Council's Working Party on the Epidemiology of Drug Dependence, 1968-1971.

Member of Medical Research Council's Sub-Committee on Epidemiology of Smoking, 1970.

Member of Home Secretary's Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, 1972 - .

Council of Europe's Sub-Committee on Penal Aspects of Narcotics and Drug Dependence, 1968.

Member of Department of Environment's Committee on Drinking and Driving (Blenerhasset Committee), 1974-1975.

Member of DHSS Advisory Committee on Alcoholism, 1975-1978.

Chairman Royal College of Psychiatrists Special Committee on Alcohol and Alcoholism, 1975-1979,

Chairman, Jellinek Award Committee 1982.

Member of Council, Society for the Study of Addiction, 1972 - 2004.

Chairman of the European Economic Community's Working Party on Drug Addiction and Drug Abuse, 1980.

Chairman, Royal College of Psychiatrists Special Committee on Drugs and Drug Dependence, 1983-1987.

Member of MRC Health Services Research Panel, 1983-1986.

Member of Council, Economic and Social Research Council, 1981-1989. Chairman of Addiction Research Panel; Member of Social Affairs Committee 1979; Member Postgraduate Training Board and Finance and General Purposes Committee; Chairman for Council meetings of ESRC, June 1987 - June 1988; Chairman, ESRC Special Committee on Horizons and Opportunities in the Social Services 1986-1987.

Institute of Psychiatry: Member of Academic Board 1973-1993, and various committees.

Member of Steering Committee, Royal Society's project on Health of the Basic Sciences, 1985-1986.

Judge for award of annual CITRAN addictions prize (Spain), 1989-1995.

Member, DoH group on Alcohol and Women, 1991.

Member, DoH group on Priorities in Mental Health Research, 1992.

Member of working party on drug misuse, Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, 1995 - 1996.

Chairman, Steering Group for MRC Multi-centre project on alcoholism treatment (1998 - 2002).

Member, Cabinet Office group concerned with design of national UK alcohol policy, 2003

Professional consultancies etc

At some time:

Consultant, National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Washington

Consultant, National Institute of Mental Health, Washington

Consultant, President's Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention, Washington

Collaboration with University of West Indies, Jamaica

Consultant, Ministry of Health, Bolivia

Consultant, Ministry of Health, Mexico

Collaboration with All Union Institute of Narcology, USSR

Consultant to O.D.A. and Government of Bolivia

Roche Visiting Professor, Australia and New Zealand.

Visiting Professor, American College of Neuropsychopharmacology

Chairman of Organising Committee for MSc course in addictions, Spain

Work for World Health Organization

Member of WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Drug Dependence, 1969 to 2001, and membership of various Expert Committees.

Organisation of WHO travelling seminar on National Responses to Alcoholism and Drug Dependence in 1970, with teaching in Poland, Netherlands and the UK.

Responsibility as Temporary Adviser for drafting basis of WHO programme on alcoholism and drug dependence in 1968, with revisions in 1976.

Chairman, steering group for WHO Project on Community Responses to Alcohol-Related Disabilities (Zambia, Mexico, Scotland and Canada participating).

Principal Investigator on WHO project on design and testing of guidelines for collaboration and collation of national data on drug abuse, 1976.

Chairman, World Health Organization International Programme on Diagnosis and Classification of Mental Disorders, Alcohol- and Drug-Related Problems, Washington 1990.

Chairman, World Health Organization Project on Development of Strategies and Guidelines for the Prevention of Drug Dependence, 1981-1985.

Contributions to drafting ICD-10 and DSM-IV.

Responsibility as Temporary Adviser for drafting WHO Initiative on Cocaine, 1985.

Prepared guidelines for training workshops on drugs and AIDS, WHO Euro, 1991.

Co-ordinator, Alcohol and Public Policy Project, WHO Euro, 1991 to 1993.

Adviser on Paris meeting on European Alcohol Policies, 1995.

Member, WHO (Euro) group responsible for further review of the scientific basis for alcohol policies, 1998 – 2003.

Various other short-term appointments as Temporary Adviser or Consultant.

Work for the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges

Representative on BMA committee considering alcohol and drug misuse in the medical profession, 1998 – present.

Member of joint Academy/Royal Society group making submission on cannabis to House of Lords, 1998.

Member of Academy group on national alcohol policy, 2003.