

Welcome

The patron and the trustees of Prostate Matters International (PMI) would like to welcome you to this, their first newsletter. We hope you find the work our charity does, useful in understanding the issues related to research into prostate diseases and, in particular, prostate cancer.

More information can be found at our website

www.prostate-matters.org.uk



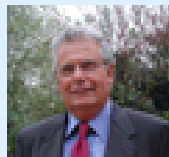
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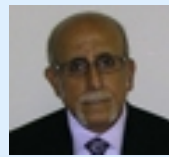
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News and Events

Website launched www.prostate-matters.org.uk

On 18th August 2006 we launched the first phase of the PMI website. Please take the time to look at the site, for more information on prostate disease, useful articles and ways you can help the PMI charity. We welcome your comments and feedback.



PMI opened its webshop with Buy.at/

This allows you to shop online from many high street and web based stores, while also contributing to the charity – at no extra cost to you. Please take a look at www.buy.at/pmi

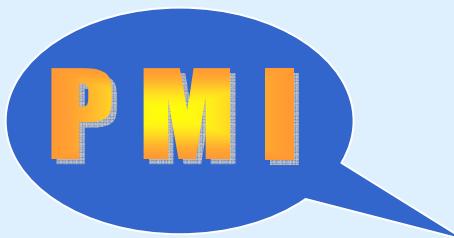
Paul Downey - new trustee for PMI

Paul Downey graduated in mathematics from Cambridge University in 1981. He joined the National Mutual Life Assurance Society, a UK mutual life office, as an Actuarial Student, qualifying as an Actuary three years later. He was subsequently made the Appointed Actuary and a Director of the company. In 2002, he became the Chief Actuary and a Director at GE Pensions Limited, a UK insurance company formed to take over the business of National Mutual Life on the latter's demutualisation..



Raising awareness amongst youth

SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) Birmingham team was actively involved in raising awareness amongst the youth of the issues related to prostate cancer. They also organized social events to raise funds for the PMI charity.



Prostate Matters International (PMI) was registered as a charity in December 2004. It was co-founded by Professor E-N Lalani and Mr PD Abel. Professor E-N Lalani BSc(Hons) MBChB FRCPath PhD ILTA is the Leith Chair of Pathology and Head of the Pathology Department at Birmingham University and Honorary Consultant Histopathologist at Birmingham University Hospitals Trust. Mr PD Abel ChM FRCSE is Reader and Honorary Consultant Urologist at Imperial College London and the Hammersmith Hospital. Professor Lalani and Mr Abel have jointly led and developed the Prostate Biology Group (BPG) for over 10 years.



Dr Hannah Romanska



Dr Maciej Salargierski



Dr Rachael Howe



The Prostate Biology Group (PBG)

The PBG core research group re-located to the University of Birmingham in 2005 but has maintained and intends to continue to develop its national and international collaborations.

PBG fostering international collaborations

Dr Maciej Salargierski (University of Lodz, Poland) has recently joined the PBG. He is assessing the effects of a specific drug on prostatic cancer cells. More news will follow as work progresses. PMI welcomes Dr Salargierski to the UK and wishes him every success with his work.

What research is the group undertaking?

The PBG has focused its efforts on the important questions of understanding how prostate cancer spreads and ways to stop the cancer spreading. The PBG is working on a number of important genes (e.g. MUC1 gene) and proteins including the oestrogen and androgen receptors and also stem cells.

How you can help

As a charity we always welcome your help and support. From donating time, money, advice or fundraising for PMI - it all helps. Here are some ways that you may be able to make a significant difference.



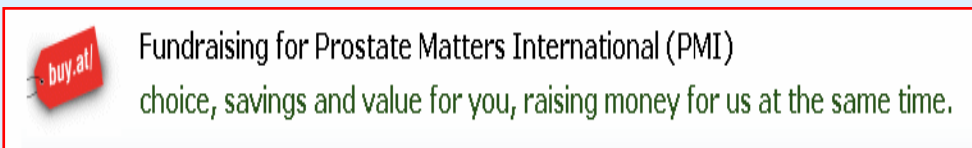
You can donate online or set up your own fundraising webpage using the following links:

<http://www.justgiving.com/pmi/donate>

<http://www.justgiving.com/pmi/raisemoney>



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