New Regius Professor of Physic for University of Cambridge

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The person who holds the post of Regis is automatically a member of the CUH board of directors. The current Regius, Professor Sir Patrick Sissons, retires on 30 September 2012.

The Regius Professor of Physic is also Head of the School of Clinical Medicine at the University of Cambridge and Director of Cambridge University Health Partners, the academic health sciences centre for Cambridge.

Professor Patrick Maxwell is currently Professor of Medicine and Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences at University College London.

He graduated from Corpus Christi College, Oxford, in 1983 with First Class Honours in Physiological Sciences and then did his clinical training at St Thomas' Hospital where he won the Mead Medal in Medicine and the Cheselden Medal in Surgery.

The principal thrust of his research is in transcriptional control of genes by oxygen. He has worked on this for more than twenty years, initially in Oxford and then as Professor of Nephrology at Imperial College before moving to UCL in 2008.

The research programme has received substantial national and international recognition and has considerable potential for translation into new therapies for patients.

In 2003 with three other scientists he set up ReOx, an Oxford University spin-out company which ultimately aims to develop medicines from these discoveries.

Professor Maxwell is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Registrar of the
Academy of Medical Sciences.

The Professorship was founded by King Henry VIII in 1540.