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ACADEMY MEMBERS ELECT PROFESSOR SIR NEIL DOUGLAS AS NEW CHAIR

Members of The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges have elected Professor Sir Neil Douglas as the new chair of the Academy. He will succeed Professor Dame Carol who leaves office in mid-July after three years in the post.

Neil, who is soon to leave his post as President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, has been both a Vice-Chair and officer of the AoMRC for over four years. He successfully chaired the MTAS Review on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health in 2007 which resulted in significant changes to the way doctors were appointed to training posts. He is a highly respected voice on medical education and is determined to consolidate the progress made by the Academy in recent years. Of particular focus will be the Academy's role in implementing revalidation and further improving standards of medical training and clinical care.

Professor Sir Neil Douglas said "I am delighted to have been elected and will do my utmost to build on the work of my predecessor. There are undoubtedly challenges facing the Academy, but I hope to play a key role in coordinating the valuable work carried out by the medical royal colleges and faculties and to improve the delivery and standards of medical training and continue to drive up clinical performance."

Professor Dame Carol Black said, "I am very pleased that Neil has been elected, he brings a wealth of experience and a confidence that will serve the Academy's members well over the coming years. There are without doubt some pressing issues facing the medical profession – I have known Neil for many years and have always found him to be a highly effective leader. I am sure he will do extremely well in the post and wish him the very best."

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