

Professor Arne Vernon Astrup



Arne Astrup is Director of The Department of Human Nutrition at The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University in Frederiksberg, Denmark, and Professor of Nutrition at The Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Copenhagen and Consultant at the Division of Clinical Nutrition at Hvidovre Hospital, University of Copenhagen. He is also a consultant on nutrition for The National Board of Health in Denmark.

Professor Astrup's main areas of interest include the physiology and pathophysiology of energy and substrate metabolism, with a special emphasis on the etiology and treatment of obesity. He has authored or co-authored almost 300 original scientific papers, and over 400 other publications, such as textbook chapters, scientific abstracts, reviews, and letters.

He is currently President-Elect of the International Association for the Study of Obesity (IASO), Editor-in-Chief of the IASO journal *Obesity Reviews*, and is a member of the editorial boards of *The International Journal of Obesity*, *The Scandinavian Journal of Nutrition*, *The European Journal of Nutrition*, and *The Journal of the Danish Medical Association*. Arne Astrup has received the IASO André Mayer Award, the Mölyncke Quality of Life Award, and the 2002 Danone Chair in Nutrition at The University of Antwerp in recognition of his scientific achievements. Arne Astrup was made Knight of the Order of Dannebrog in 1999.

Professor Claude Bouchard



Claude Bouchard is the Executive Director of the Pennington Biomedical Research Center and the George A. Bray Chair in Nutrition. He holds a B.Ped. (Laval), a M.Sc. (University of Oregon, Eugene) in exercise physiology and a Ph.D. (University of Texas, Austin) in population genetics. His research deals with the genetics of adaptation to exercise and to nutritional interventions as well as the genetics of obesity and its co-morbidities.

He has authored and co-authored several books and more than 800 scientific papers. Among other awards, he was the recipient of the Honor Award from the Canadian Association of Sport Sciences in 1988, a Citation Award from the American College of Sports Medicine in 1992 and the Honor Award in 2002, the Benjamin Delessert Award in nutrition from France in 1993, the Willendorf Award from the International Association for the Study of Obesity in 1994, the Sandoz Award from the Canadian Atherosclerosis Society in 1996, the Albert Creff Award in Nutrition of the National Academy of Medicine of France in 1997, the TOPS award from the North American Association for the Study of Obesity in 1998, the W. Henry Sebrell Award from the Weight Watchers Foundation in 1999, and of a Honoris Causa Doctorate in Science from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in 1998.

He is a foreign member of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Belgium since 1996, and was the Leon Mow Visiting Professor at the International Diabetes Institute in Melbourne in 1998. In 2001, he became a member of the Order of Canada as well as Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Medicine, Laval University. In 2003 he received the Alumnus of the Year Award from Laval University. Dr. Bouchard is past president of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity and the president of the International Association for the Study of Obesity (2002-2006).

Professor Martin Silink



Martin Silink is President-Elect of the International Diabetes Federation and will take office as IDF President in 2006-2009. He is Chairman of the IDF Sponsor a Child with Diabetes programme (1999-). He is Professor of Paediatric Endocrinology at the University of Sydney and The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney, Australia. Professor Silink's main research interests are diabetes complications in the young and the changing patterns of diabetes in childhood and adolescence.

Professor Silink is a member of many professional societies including American Diabetes Association, European Association for the Study of Diabetes, The Endocrine Society (USA), and Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society (USA).

Previous appointments include President of the International Society of Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD) (1999-2002), Vice President of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) (2000-2003), Chairman of the International Diabetes Federation's Consultative Section on Childhood & Adolescent Diabetes (1994-2003).

He is on the Editorial Board of Pediatric Diabetes, Clinical Pediatric Endocrinology and the IDF Diabetes Atlas. His CV includes over 100 peer-reviewed articles, invited chapters and he is editor of national guidelines on the management of childhood diabetes.

Professor Rhys Williams



Rhys Williams is Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Wales Swansea. His main research interests relate to diabetes and the metabolic syndrome, especially their epidemiology, health services research and economics. He is currently Chair of Diabetes UK's Wales Advisory Council, a Vice-President of the International Diabetes Federation and Chair of the Federation's Task Force on Public Awareness.

In the recent past he has been public health adviser to successive Chief Medical Officers of England. He was, until recently, a visiting consultant at the Department of Non-communicable Disease Management, World Health Organization, Geneva. His work at WHO encompassed reviewing the evidence on screening and the primary prevention of type 2 diabetes and the economic aspects of diabetes and other similar conditions. His developing research programme in Swansea will include the epidemiology and genetic epidemiology of the metabolic syndrome and work on the practical aspects of the prevention and early detection of type 2 diabetes.