



The Royal College of Radiologists

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The Royal College of Radiologists and The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust celebrate honour for Professor Dame Janet Husband

Janet Husband, Professor of Radiology at The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust and Institute of Cancer Research has been honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours with the award of Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. As a leading international figure in radiology she has undertaken pioneering clinical research in cancer imaging during the last 30 years. As the first woman President of The Royal College of Radiologists, Dame Janet has led the two specialties of Clinical Radiology and Clinical Oncology since September 2004.

Dame Janet said, "I am deeply honoured and privileged to have been recognised in this way. This is much more than a personal honour, and reflects the dedication and commitment of many colleagues working in radiology and in cancer at The Royal Marsden and The Institute of Cancer Research, at The Royal College of Radiologists, and indeed throughout the UK".



Professor Dame Janet Husband

Miss Cally Palmer CBE, Chief Executive of The Royal Marsden, said, "Dame Janet has been an inspirational leader in her field in the finest traditions of British medicine. All her colleagues at The Royal Marsden are delighted that her outstanding contribution to the NHS has been recognised with the award of a DBE. Dame Janet's energy, drive and absolute determination to make a difference for patients have changed clinical practice and improved standards immeasurably. She has contributed in every area of treatment, research, education and health policy, and we congratulate her as a leader, colleague and friend".

Dr Gill Markham, Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology at the College, said, "Having worked closely with Janet over the last few years I know what a huge contribution she has made both within and beyond radiology. I am absolutely delighted for her, and the College extends its warmest congratulations to her. In all her work Dame Janet has been a role model for her junior colleagues. As the first President of this College to have trained part time, she has demonstrated that it is perfectly possible to combine a hugely successful career with raising a family and that training part time is not a bar to reaching the top of the profession".

Notes to Editors

1. For further information, contact the College's Communications Officer, Dan Garbutt, on 020 7299 1138, or email dan.garbutt@rcr.ac.uk

2. Biography of Professor Dame Janet Husband

Professor Dame Janet Husband, the younger daughter of Ronald and Clarissa Siarey, was born in Chinnor, Oxfordshire. Her father was a well known local figure, serving as chairman of the Parish Council for 25 years. Dame Janet was educated at Headington School for Girls in Oxford, where she is currently followed by her granddaughter.



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After qualifying in medicine and undertaking house jobs at Guys' Hospital, Dame Janet worked part time in General Practice for a few years while bringing up her three young sons. She then decided to follow a career in hospital medicine, taking up a training post in radiology as this was one of the few specialties in which part time training was feasible. She was the first woman in the UK to train part time in radiology, and gained her FRCR in 1976.

Dame Janet undertook early research on the prototype of the world's first CT body scanner at Northwick Park Hospital and was then appointed to The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust initially as a Research Fellow and then as Consultant Radiologist in 1980. She became Head of the Academic Department of Radiology in 1985. She was Medical Director of the Trust from 2003 to 2006 and in this role provided clinical leadership in the Royal Marsden's successful application for Foundation Status, co-ordinating a strategy for clinical research and a vision for the future of cancer services. Since then she has continued to work closely with the Chief Executive, Miss Cally Palmer, in taking forward other new initiatives both within the Trust and nationally in relation to the Cancer Reform Strategy which is currently being developed by the National Cancer Director, Professor Mike Richards. Dame Janet is a member of Professor Richards' Advisory Board to inform the new Strategy.

Her research work has focused on the development of cross-sectional cancer imaging. Since 1981 she has held Programme Grants totalling over £13 million from Cancer Research UK for evaluation of CT and MRI in cancer. She was awarded a personal chair by The Institute of Cancer Research in 1996. Since 1980 she has organised the prestigious world class London CT Course at Gleneagles in Scotland on CT, MRI and PET. She co-founded and was first President of the International Cancer Imaging Society and is Co-editor of *Imaging in Oncology*, widely recognised as the standard text on the subject, now in its second edition.

Currently she is President of The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR). She is a Past President of the British Institute of Radiology and an elected member of the Council of the GMC.

As President of the RCR, she has spearheaded the successful launch of the Radiology Integrated Training Initiative. This world-leading, challenging project is the first delivered e-learning curriculum in any specialty in medicine. She is pioneering the establishment of the accreditation of radiology services in the UK. This multi-disciplinary, multi-professional project, in partnership with the Society and College of Radiographers, is a patient-focused programme centred on improving the quality of patient care.

In 2002 Dame Janet was awarded an OBE for her contribution to cancer imaging. Her many other honours and awards include an Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty of Radiology, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (2005), Honorary Membership of the Radiological Society of North America (2005), Gold Medal of the European Congress of Radiology and the European Association of Radiology (2006), Honorary Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, and Honorary Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Radiologists (2007).

3. The Royal College of Radiologists

The Royal College of Radiologists has approximately 7,200 members and Fellows worldwide representing the disciplines of clinical oncology and clinical radiology. All members and Fellows of the College are registered medical or dental practitioners. The role of the College is to advance the science and practice of radiology and oncology, further public education and promote study and research through setting professional standards of practice.