

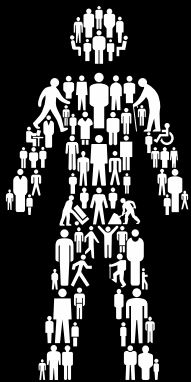
# Career Development Symposium

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# London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine 1990-1998



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- Research on molecular diagnosis of Leishmaniasis and Amoebiasis
  - Teaching at MSc level
  - Fieldwork in Colombia, Brazil, Venezuela
  - Consultancy work in Kenya, Nigeria and Cameroon
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- Fellowship application to look at genetic exchange in *Trypanosoma cruzi*
  - Interviewed but application refused
  - Three year project grant, un-named post-doc, not Principal Investigator. Grant awarded, appointed as post-doc
  - Demonstrated for the first time that *T.cruzi* did undergo genetic exchange
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➤ So what does a lecturer in molecular parasitology do if they can't continue in research?

- Project management
  - Teaching
  - Writing
  - Editing
  - Grant funding
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# The Wellcome Trust

## 1998-2005



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- Science Programme Officer- Career Development Group
  - Funding PhD Studentships, including 4-year PhD programmes across all scientific disciplines
  - After 3 years, seconded to the Policy and Strategy Unit- how does basic research make it to clinical application.
  - Chose Sir George Alberti's work in diabetes
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- Returned to work on the Research Career Development Fellowship scheme
  - Science Funding restructured and I went to the Basic Immunology of Infectious Diseases Funding Committee
  - Secretary to the Basic Immunology of Infectious Disease Strategy Committee
  - Rare opportunity to apply for a Science Programme Manager post in 2004. Didn't take it
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# Diabetes UK 2005-2012

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- Employed as Research Manager 2005-2007
  - Director of Research on long term sick leave February 2007- October 2007
  - Appointed Director of Research November 2007
  - New CEO started in 2010
  - Healthy lifestyle project lead
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# Director of Research

November 2012- ????



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# Investing to find answers



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- Approached by the Recruitment agency acting for the Prostate Cancer Charity in January 2012
  - Withdrew application in March 2012
  - Approached by the newly merged charity Prostate Cancer UK in June 2012
  - Started on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012
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## In Summary:

- Never give in or give up
  - Set long term goals
  - Identify transferable skills and seek out transferable skills training
  - Disillusionment is corrosive- don't let it last long
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# Thank you!

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