

Paul Maxime Nurse

Director, The Francis Crick Institute

Nationality

British

Career History

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER:

1973 University of Bern

1974 – 1980 University of Edinburgh

1980 – 1984 University of Sussex

EMPLOYMENT:

1984 – 1987 ICRF Laboratory Head

1987 – 1993 University of Oxford Professor and Head of Department

1993 – 2002 ICRF Research Director and Director General

2003 CRUK CEO

2003 – 2010 Rockefeller University New York

2010 – 2015 Royal Society President

2010 – Francis Crick Institute Director

Awards / Publications

MAJOR SCIENTIFIC AWARDS:

1990 Royal Society: Florey Lecturer

1993 Wellcome Medal

1995 Royal Medal

2005 Copley Medal

2006 Rutherford Medal

1992 Louis Jeantet Prize, Switzerland

1992 Gairdner Award, Canada
1996 Heineken Prize, Netherlands
1997 General Motors Award, USA
1998 Lasker Award, USA
2001 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
2013 Albert Einstein Science Award
2014 – 2015 President of the British Science Association (UK)
2015 Henry G Friesen International Prize (Canada)
2019 Genetics Society Centenary Medal (UK)
2023 The Dalton Medal (UK)

NATIONAL HONOURS:

1999 Knighthood UK
2002 Legion d'Honneur, France
2018 Order of the Rising Sun, Japan
2022 Companion of Honour
2022 Order of Merit

PUBLICATIONS:

Approximately 390 research publications

Author of Nurse Review II: Research, development and innovation (RDI) organisational landscape: an independent review commissioned by the UK Government.

Author of the Nurse Review concerning UK science support requested by George Osborne which led to the formation of UKRI.

Numerous appearances on national radio and television in the UK and USA including presenting around 10 TV programmes and co-hosting around 15 TV discussion programmes. Also, many articles in national newspapers and magazines.

2020 - Author of "What is Life" published in 22 countries.

Areas of expertise

Eukaryotic cell cycle control and other aspects of cell biology. Developed molecular genetics and genomics for fission yeast.