

Tony Heagerty graduated in Medicine from London University and began his research career in 1982 supervised by John Swales in Leicester where as a lecturer he developed his interests in the vascular biology of cardiovascular disease and in particular hypertension. He began to study the structure and function of resistance sized arteries from patients and adopted a reverse translational approach to look for the mechanisms responsible in animal models. The work was funded by the UK Medical Research Council and the British heart Foundation and in 1987 he obtained his research MD and was appointed to a BHF Clinical Senior Research Fellowship. The significance of his work was recognised by the International Society of Hypertension which awarded him its Prize for the Outstanding Young Investigator in 1988. In 1990 he delivered the Royal College of Physicians Goulstonian Lecture and the following year he was appointed Professor of Medicine in the University of Manchester and established a Department focussed on Cardiovascular Research. In 2006 he delivered the European Society of Hypertension Folkow Lecture and in 2007 he was Belgian Society of Hypertension Lecturer of the Year. He has been a Keynote Lecturer at National and International meetings on more than 60 occasions and served as Chairman of the Editorial Board of Clinical Science and on the Editorial Boards of Hypertension, the Journal of Hypertension, Current Hypertension Reviews and Blood Pressure as well as the Journal of Vascular Research and 10 other journals. He has been President of the British Hypertension Society, The European society of Hypertension and the International Society of Hypertension and is an Honorary Member of The Czech, Romanian and Venezuelan Societies of Hypertension. To date he has published more than 300 papers and in 2014 delivered the Wolfgang Kiowski Memorial Lecture and in 2015 the John Swales Memorial Lecture.