

Professor David R. Matthews has been voted President of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes by the Executive Committee

The EASD Executive Committee unanimously voted David R. Matthews to become the next President of EASD at its meeting today in Berlin. His term of office is from 1 January to 31 December 2019. He is currently a Board member and serves as Chair of the Committee on Clinical Affairs.

Prof. Juleen R. Zierath, President of EASD, says: "We are delighted that David has accepted the vote of the Executive Committee to serve as the new President. His long history with EASD in combination with his proven leadership skills make him a perfect fit for this position."

Prof. Matthews comments: "I am delighted and honored being voted as the new President and would like to thank my colleagues at the Executive Committee for the trust they put in me. I am committed to work in this distinguished role for the best of the Association and I look forward to the challenges ahead".

David is emeritus Professor of Diabetes Medicine, University of Oxford, and was appointed Emeritus Fellow at Harris Manchester College, Oxford. He was the founding chairman of the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM).

His academic research interests include mathematical modelling including the homeostatic model assessment of beta-cell function and insulin resistance (HOMA), and therapeutic agents in type 2 diabetes. He is currently co-chair of three international drug trials. His teaching encompasses the annual EASD Robert Turner Clinical Research Course. His concern about the epidemic of chronic disease – obesity and diabetes – led him to set up the Tseu and Felix Institute based at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, which supports diabetes research in lower and middle income countries (LMIC).

He has authored more than 230 peer-reviewed publications and is on the editorial boards of several professional journals. His publication – Diabetes, the Facts – is a handbook for patients.

About EASD

The European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) was founded in 1965 and is based in Düsseldorf, Germany. It is one of the largest networks for diabetologists worldwide with the mission to promote excellence in diabetes care through research and education. EASD membership is open to health care professionals, scientists and nurses as well as students, from all over the world who are interested in in the field of diabetes. More information about EASD can be found at: www.easd.org