



## Sir Richard Sykes

### Current Positions

Sir Richard Sykes is currently Chairman of NetScientific plc and Non-Executive Director of PDS Biotechnology Corp. He is also Chairman of The UK Stem Cell Foundation, the Royal Institution of Great Britain and of the International Advisory Board, of A\*Star Biomedical Research Council, Singapore and Chancellor of Brunel University.

### Background Information

Sir Richard Sykes joined Glaxo Research Limited in 1972 as Head of its Antibiotic Research Unit. In 1977 he moved to the US to join the Squibb Institute for Medical Research where he progressed to Vice-President, before re-joining Glaxo in the UK as Chief Executive of Glaxo Group Research in 1986.

In March 1993 Sir Richard was appointed Chairman and Chief Executive of Glaxo, taking on the same roles at Glaxo Wellcome plc in 1997 following the acquisition of Wellcome. He subsequently led the company until 2002, through the formation of GlaxoSmithKline plc, where he was Chairman and CEO.

Sir Richard was a Senior Independent Director of Rio Tinto plc from 1997 to 2008 and Chairman of NHS London from December 2008 to July 2010.

He has also been on the board of ContraFect Corp and a Non-Executive Chairman of Circassia Holdings Ltd.

Until 2011 he was Senior Independent Director, Non-Executive Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Remuneration Committee of Eurasian National Resources Corp (ENRC) and until April 2013 he was also Vice-Chairman at Swiss life sciences company Lonza Group AG.

Sir Richard has also been Chairman of the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, PDS Operating Corp, British Pharma Group, Medeus Pharma Limited, member of the President's Committee of the Confederation of British Industry, member of the UK Trade Policy Forum, Chairman of the Task Force for Inward Investment in the UK Pharmaceutical Industry, member of the Advisory Committee for Human Genome Research, member of the Council for Industry & Higher Education and member of DTI's Strategy Board.

### Other Notable Interests

Sir Richard Sykes is a Fellow of the Royal Society and Academy of Medical Sciences, and Honorary Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Royal Society of Chemistry, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Royal College of Pathologists and Royal College of Physicians.

He is also President of the R&D Society, a position he has held since July 2002.

He is a Fellow of Imperial College London, where he was Rector from 2001 to 2008, and a Fellow of Imperial College School of Medicine, King's College London.

Sir Richard received a knighthood in the 1994 New Year's Honours list for services to the pharmaceutical industry and was awarded Honorary Citizenship of Singapore in 2004 for his contribution to the development of the country's biomedical sciences industry.

Sir Richard Sykes is based in London.