

Dr John Williams – Welsh Food Advisory Committee member

Outlines the professional history and qualifications of our Welsh Food Advisory Committee members.

John completed his BSc and PhD at Bangor University, before moving through Aberystwyth, Hanover, Paris and Wrexham to arrive several years later in the University of Chester. John recently retired from Chester, where he was Head of the School of Medicine, Associate Dean of Faculty and held a Chair in Applied Biochemistry. He has also served on the Council of Governors for Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospital Board.

As Head of the Medical School, he was responsible for the training of healthcare professionals through a number of accredited courses at BSc and MSc level. John has also been external examiner for various UK, as well as international, universities (including Aberystwyth University, Bangor University, Cardiff University, Manchester Metropolitan University, Plymouth University, University College London and Aarhus University).

John ran a research laboratory in Chester and has published over 50 scientific papers, 11 book chapters and given keynote lectures worldwide. John's research has covered areas such as food authentication, but mainly focused on stress proteins and understanding how they are regulated and influence disease processes. John has successfully supervised over 30 PhD students, many of whom now hold senior academic positions around the world.

Outside work, John is Welsh speaking and lives in Llangwm, near Bala. He is married with three children and has a smallholding of just over 20 acres. He was a keen rugby player, and a qualified coach, but is now restricted to following the game at Clwb Rygbi Bala, and whenever possible, watching Wales.

Personal interests

Consultancies and/or direct employment

- Panel member SÊR Cymru
- Panel Member Health PhD Studentships Wales

Fee-paid work

- None

Shareholdings

- None

Clubs and other organisations

- Member of the British Society of Immunology
- Life Member of Cell Stress International

Other personal interests

- None

Non-personal interests

Fellowships

- Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy
- Fellow of the Institute of Biomedical Science
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology

Indirect support

- None

Trusteeships

- None

Land and property

- None

Other public appointments

- None

Other non-personal interests

- None